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LIFE IN BESIEGED TOBRUK

While the Western Desert is fairly quiet an interesting picture of life in Tobruk was given in Cairo yesterday by an eye-witness recently returned.

Despite frequent bombings there are still a great many livable buildings in Tobruk, where only troops and no civilians are to be seen.

There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming.

Most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself, where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch-time and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but have been little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work."—Reuter.

British Squadron Still In Contact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, SEEKING VENGEANCE FOR THE SINKING OF H.M.S. HOOD, IS HOT IN PURSUIT AFTER THE FLEEING GERMAN SQUADRON AFTER THE 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP BISMARCK HAD BEEN HIT AND PARTIALLY CRIPPLED BY A BRITISH AERIAL TORPEDO.

As the war's greatest sea battle raged through the second night, the British Fleet, aided by catapulted Navy bombers flying ahead and harassing and slowing down the fleeing German ships, pressed the chase at maximum speed in a dramatic effort to get the enemy squadron close enough for a decisive battle.

The German fleet, led by the damaged Bismarck, eluded an immediate pitched battle with the British squadron because the weather turned favourable to the Nazis after the Hood was destroyed, enabling the German ships to escape under a quick setting

'mist. — International News Service.

Hot Pursuit

THE BATTLESHIP BISMARCK, PRIDE OF THE GERMAN NAVY, HAS BEEN STRUCK BY A TORPEDO OF THE BRITISH FLEET AIR ARM AND THE ROYAL NAVY'S MIGHT IS HOT IN PURSUIT OF THE DAMAGED WARSHIP.

This announcement was made in a special Admiralty communique last night.

Thus, 72 hours after British and Nazi naval forces met off Greenland early on Saturday morning, the British Navy has maintained contact with the enemy in a pursuit which must have ranged over hundreds of miles. — Reuter.

MR. RONALD CROSS'S NEW POST

MR. S. M. BRUCE, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY, WELCOMED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RONALD CROSS AS UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Bruce referred to the close and successful cooperation now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments.

Mr. Ronald Cross paid a tribute to the fighting qualities of the Australians.—Reuter.

BOMBS DROPPED ON EAST COAST

There was some slight activity by enemy aircraft yesterday in the coastal areas, states an Air Ministry communique. Bombs were dropped in a town on the East Coast in the afternoon and caused some damage and a small number of casualties.—Reuter.

COLLAPSE OF IRAQ REVOLT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The imminent collapse of Iraqi resistance is forecast after the self-appointed Premier, Raschid Ali, and his Cabinet, were reported to be fleeing or preparing to flee in the face of British military advances and internal unrest.

The strong concentration of Raschid Ali's troops menacing Iraq's British-occupied Persian Gulf port of Basra was broken up in a surprise attack by British Imperial troops supported by the guns of British warships in the Gulf and strafing R.A.F. planes.

The defeated Iraqis had massed six miles up the Tigris from Basra in a movement to wrest the country's only seaport from the British.

The situation in Basra is quiet.—International News Service.

LONDON'S WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Total amount raised during London's War Weapons Week was officially announced yesterday as £120,410,000 which is an average per head of population of £21.—Reuter.

TIDE OF BATTLE "SWAYS" IN CRETE

"THE CRETE SITUATION is much the same, with very severe fighting in the Malemi area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours. It is very difficult to see how it is developing.

It is difficult, too, to say how the landings compare with the previous two days but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses in aircraft while others will soon need overhauling.

"The tide of battle still sways to and fro in the area between Canea and Malemi and around Malemi."

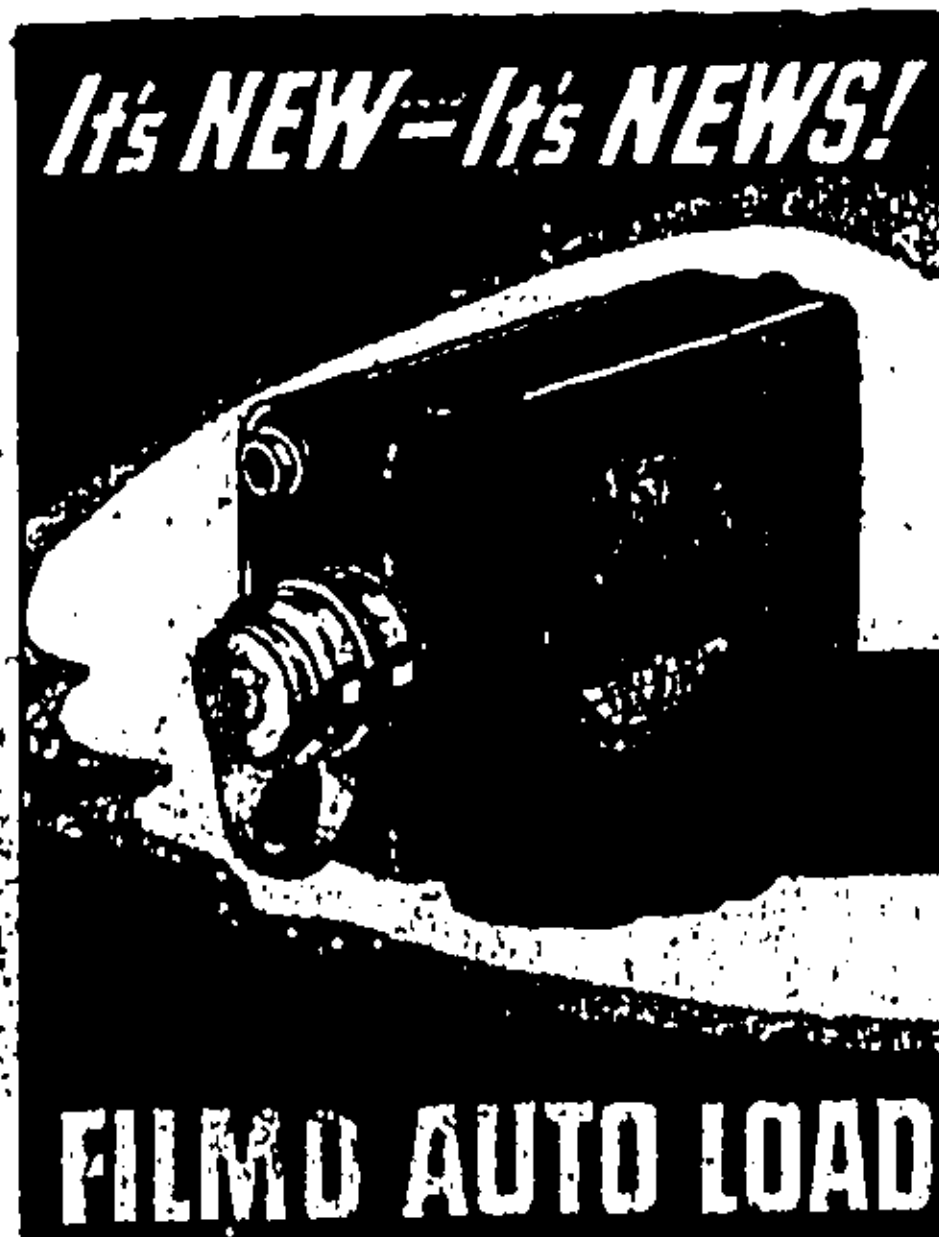
In these words well-informed military circles in Cairo last night summed up the latest position in Crete.

Meanwhile a steady round-up of prisoners continues in southern Abyssinia, where it looks as if the Jimma concentration is for an unpleasant time.—Reuter.

Bad Weather

The weather is very bad, with heavy rains. Traffic is held up on three-quarters of the roads, which were not built for rains.

There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manoeuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight since the original forces of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago have been readily melting through desertions and surrenders.—Reuter.



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EIRE RAISES PROTEST AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

Mr. De Valera Revives Canker Of Partition

Cosgrave Sounds A Warning

MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, EIRE PRIME MINISTER, REVIVED THE ISSUE OF PARTITION IN A SPEECH IN THE DAIL IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE SAID: "SOME THREE YEARS AGO A SETTLEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN WAS MADE AND RATIFIED BY THAT NATION'S PARLIAMENT, WHICH REMOVED EVERY OTHER OUTSTANDING QUARREL AND LEFT ONLY PARTITION.

"I was confident that with the good relations which had been established that partition would also soon disappear. Unfortunately the war came and found us with the foundations of a lasting friendship still incomplete and with the grievance of partition rankling in every Irish heart."

Mr. de Valera said that the Six Northern Counties were part of Ireland and the inhabitants are Irishmen and nothing could alter that fact.

"No matter what political or economic changes may take place in the world, the people living in these two islands are destined to live as neighbours," he said.

Mr. de Valera continued: "We proclaimed our neutrality. It was a friendly neutrality. We refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile."

"WE PLEDGED OURSELVES THAT WE WOULD NOT PERMIT OUR TERRITORY TO BE USED AS A BASE FOR ENEMY ACTION AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN."

"And the forces that we have are our guarantee that we will keep that pledge."

"If the British Government goes ahead with conscription in the Six Counties, they will undo the work and goodwill of the past and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr. William Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said:—

"It is vital that at this time no question of a misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity which everyone in the House fervently hopes has been for ever ended."

Dangerous Situation

Mr. Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the State.

The unfavourable reactions of conscription were difficult to calculate but they undoubtedly would be great.

He was convinced that the result that might inevitably ensue in both parts of Ireland and else-

MR. MORGENTHAU OUT WITH ATLANTIC PATROL

One of President Roosevelt's four-man Cabinet Defence Committee, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of Treasury, is now at sea inspecting the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Patrol as the guest of Admiral King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, it was officially revealed in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

where would far outweigh any advantages to Great Britain.

"We should ask ourselves, however, whether we are taking the steps best calculated to ward off conscription from the North and to secure a future that would be tolerable either for those in the North or for us."

Labour Attitude

The Labour leader, Mr. Norton supported the protest against conscription.

Sir John Maffey, United Kingdom representative, was in the Distinguished Strangers Gallery, as was also Mr. E. J. Garland, Acting Canadian High Commissioner.—Reuter.



Good news for England's Postwomen is that they are now allowed to wear trousers instead of the officially issued blue skirt. Some still prefer skirts. In this picture, the two types of dress are contrasted.

AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE TO AXIS PACT

THE STOCKHOLM newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" referred yesterday to the Japanese military delegation's visit to Europe, wondering why this Axis trump-card against America is not receiving more prominence in the Axis press.

Since the Russo-Japanese Pact the only Japanese statement of importance which has been made was the Souka interview, which was absolutely orthodox.

The paper refers to the Tripartite Pact, which was intended to scare America from entering the war, pointing out America has not been scared.

There are many reasons for this—

First, international agreements to-day are worth less than ever before. They are instruments for influencing public opinion but not for directing govern-

ment action.

If Japan considers the situation suitable for an attack on America, an attack will be made quite apart from the Tripartite Pact.

French Pledge

The German-Italian military alliance has had a varied history as well as the Russo-German and the Anglo-Turkish Pacts, while France broke her pledge to Britain without discussion.

Thus America did not need to fear the Tripartite Pact. Furthermore, Japan has learnt to her sorrow that it is easier to start a war than to finish it.

China is not defeated after four years and the appointment of a Chinese Quelling government has been in vain. Japan's resources are strained to the utmost and an American blockade would place her in a desperate position.

American indifference to the Tripartite Pact is therefore comprehensible.—Reuter.

Joint Speeches Probable

Mr. J. M. Andrews, Northern Ireland Prime Minister, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of the conscription talks with Mr. Churchill and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by the British Prime Minister.

During the week-end there were numerous protest meetings in North Ireland and yesterday the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent a telegram to Labour members of the British Government.

THE TELEGRAM SAID: "THERE WAS GRAVE RESENTMENT AT THE THREAT TO IMPOSE CONSCRIPTION AND THAT BITTERNESS AND STRIFE WOULD ONLY RESULT."

They urged British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent "this act of aggression."—Reuter.

WAR CAN NEVER END, SAY DUTCH

(By a London Reporter)

"For us this war can never be finished. It must last as long as we live."

This startling statement was made to me by a blonde giant of a Dutch merchant skipper a day or so ago in a London club frequented by Free French sailors and seamen.

A murmur of approval and applause followed his words as he gazed with passionate pride on a score of his comrades, who took up the cry: "Death to the Germans—for ever!"

"You see," he explained to me in almost faultless English, "you in England do not know what bombing is. London, Bristol have their scars. We sympathise with you intensely, but you can hit back with a magnificent R.A.F. and your anti-aircraft guns. It is war."

His voice sank. "But Rotterdam was cold, cruel murder. There were no defences—nothing to stop the bombers as they came over, wave after wave."

Revenge Pledge

"They dropped their bombs and went back for more. It was a 'bus' service of death. A city of 400,000 prosperous people reduced to miles of blackened ruins, to great heaps of dead—30,000 of them—and many bodies will never be found. They will lie under the ruins for years."

"That is how I lost my mother and father and my sweetheart. Nearly all of us who escaped had the same experience."

His circle of listeners nodded in grim consent.

"We have sworn a solemn oath," he continued, "to kill every German we meet until the end of our lives. For us the war can never finish."

"How many are in this pact?"

"I should say well over 1,000," he said. "In fact, I have not met a single Dutch seafarer who has not either taken the oath, or who was not anxious to take it, as soon as he could get comrades as witnesses."

He stood up—6ft. 4in. of him, with fists like hams and mighty shoulders. I was glad he smiled and said: "But you are English. Come let's have a drink."

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ROOSEVELT SPEECH UNDERGOES REVISION

Dramatic War Developments Alter The Tenour

IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPIDLY CHANGING CONDITIONS ABROAD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REVISING THE SPEECH WHICH HE WILL DELIVER TO-DAY, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, AT THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr. Early warned reporters not to build it up as extremely important.

Yesterday, however, he said: "I can tell you the President will be engaged through the day into the night and most of to-morrow in revising his speech in the light of the rapidly changing conditions abroad."

"Don't ask me to go into details because I can't. You will get them when you get the speech."

When a reporter informed Mr. Early that the German Foreign Office was not commenting on Admiral Raeder's convoy interview, Mr. Early declared "I have got the idea that Berlin to-day is trying to do anything it can to belaud the President's speech and to anticipate something for you gentlemen between noon and Tuesday night."

Mr. Early added he would not be surprised if reporters were querying him about other Berlin despatches before President Roosevelt talks. — Reuter.

Hood Sinking

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

International News says the President spent most of Sunday (yesterday) his momentous fireside chat.

Speculation prevails that the President will vigorously challenge Berlin claims that the Hood sinking and the Crete operations "have won the war" for the Nazis, and high Government officials expect emphasis will be laid on the fact that as in the past, the present war will not be won by any single battle.

CONGRESS LEADERS' OPINIONS CLASHED REGARD-

ING THE EFFECT OF THE HOOD SINKING ON PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES

Some said it would spur agitation for U.S. entry into the war, others believed it would solidify sentiment against the use of the U.S. Navy to convoy munitions ships to Britain.

Powerful Link

Senator Joshua Lee said: "It means that Britain's lifeline is being strained. A powerful link in that chain has now gone."

"We should put our defence effort on a 24-hour basis. If we don't step up our help to Britain we will be fighting Hitler's forces alone some day."

Senator Clark, an opponent of U.S. entry as a "shooting partner," said he did not believe the Hood sinking would change the determination of the American people "to stay out of the war," and declared the anti-convoy forces were strengthened by the Hood sinking.

Anti-convoy circles said the Germans would certainly fire on U.S. warships if they convoy munitions ships and U.S. warships would certainly shoot back, thus beginning war. — International News Service.

N.Z. GUARD FOR KING OF GREECE

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND FORCES AND THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY GENERAL FREYBURG, NEW ZEALAND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN GREECE, FOR THE SAFE CONDUCT OF THE KING'S PARTY DURING THE DEPARTURE FROM GREECE, IS CONVEYED IN A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE KING OF THE HELLENES TO MR. PETER FRASER, NEW ZEALAND PREMIER.

Mr. Fraser returned to Cairo on Sunday night after a two days' visit to New Zealand war wounded in Egypt.

Mr. Fraser spent Saturday night on board a New Zealand hospital ship and also inspected a New Zealand convalescent depot, speaking to the men on their experiences. — Reuter.

THEY TOOK FLOWERS---

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Three members of a rescue party stepped shyly into the ward of a London hospital. One of them carried a bunch of flowers, a tribute from brave men to a brave girl.

Mrs. Rose Connolly, aged nineteen, was injured when her home was wrecked by a bomb.

Her heroism during the twelve hours she was trapped touched the rescue workers. The bomb killed Mrs. Connolly's few-month-old baby girl, her own mother, mother-in-law and father-in-law. Her husband is with the R.A.F.

Mrs. Connolly smiled as they handed her the flowers. The last time they had seen her was when they dug her out of ten feet of debris and she had jokingly cried: "Go easy boys, you're treading on my face."

"This is lovely of you, boys," said Mrs. Connolly as she buried her face in the flowers. "I was wondering how I could ever thank you for what you did. I didn't dream you'd come to see me."

"Huh, that's all right, missus," said Jim Parton, one of her rescuers, awkwardly. "We've got to look after our customers."

Then he and his comrades walked from the ward to go back to their job. They wouldn't have believed anyone who called them heroes.

PLEASANT

"Modern warfare necessarily takes on the character of a fight to the finish, whose issue signifies total catastrophe for the vanquished. Victory does not pay for risks and sacrifices unless the vanquished disappears completely from the field of competition. The enemy should be destroyed, his heritage seized."

The foregoing is a pleasant extract from the Deutsche Wehr of 1935, quoted by "La France Libre."

EIGHTY-NINE MILLIONS ON A.R.P. SHELTERS

The Select Committee's Report on national expenditure, issued yesterday, states that civil defence, including A.R.P. shelters, amounted to £89 millions for the financial year ending March 31, 1941. — Reuter.

DOCTOR SAVES THREE BABIES

Three babies and their mothers were rescued from a maternity home raid on a north-east town.

A helper said she understood that the babies were not labelled but she thought the nurses would be able to sort them out and give them to the right mothers.

Heroine of the rescue work was a young woman doctor who lives next door.

The doctor's housekeeper, Mrs. Elsie Webster, said:

"The doctor was out like a shot. We got all the babies out. One was only four days old."

ITALIAN PRISONERS ARRIVE IN SYDNEY

The first contingent of Italian prisoners of war arrived in Sydney yesterday and were sent to a camp in the country, says Reuter.

PAID £20 A WEEK FOR GAMING DEN

A man who was sent to prison for running a gaming house was stated to have rented the premises for £20 a week from the previous tenant, who was serving a sentence for a similar offence.

This was disclosed at Bow Street Police Court when Barnett Nathan (29), of Bethnal Green road, E., was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for keeping the New Club (formerly the New Roxy Club) as a gaming house.

It was stated that the outer door of the club had five bolts and a bar, and was fitted with a peephole. About 20 people were playing chemin de fer when the club was raided. Stakes were high, £10 being a common amount. Nearly £100 was found on Nathan.

Bench's Warning

Chief Inspector Ogden said that for a few weeks Nathan had been renting the premises at £20 a week from the previous tenant, who was now serving a sentence for a similar offence.

The Magistrate said the club was not registered and consequently he had no power to disqualify the premises from us as a club.

"I don't see any way of stopping these premises being used for the same purpose again except by letting it be known that anyone who runs this business in future must go to prison," he added.

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TO FIGHT FOR IT."

"France cannot go back. She must fulfil
two tasks with the great powers of Europe, get
peace first and then overcome unemployment
and poverty."

"These are assurances which
my personal experience can give
America. Is America trying to
paralyse us on the way to national
resurrection?"

"We need some of your riches
as you need some of ours, but
remember that France can only
fulfil this exchange between the
New World and the new Europe
if she can collaborate totally with
Germany."

"I know that may astonish
you but it is indispensable to
France."

France Blames U.S.

According to the German radio
version of the Laval speech, he
said that since the United States
did not help France during the
war, she was partially to be
blamed for the collapse of France.
Laval pictured the United
States as entertaining plans
against the unity of the French
Empire.

He warned the United States
against sharing the same fate as
France by blindly going into the
war.

The German radio credits Laval
with the statement that not for a
single moment and not by any
gesture had the Germans taken up
an attitude that might have
wounded French pride.

Hitler's Bloody Hand

For France, it was simply ac-
cepting the hand of the Fuehrer
in an unique gesture or she would
suffer the fate of being divided up.

Laval, who was speaking on the
Paris radio, added: "The United
States have been willing for
France to be annihilated or torn
to pieces by enjoining her to re-
fuse the hand that Chancellor
Hitler held out to her in a ges-
ture that is without precedent in
history."

"This war—perhaps on the
other side of the ocean you do
not fully realise it—is not a
war like other wars."

"It is a revolution out of which
we will rise rejuvenated, reor-
ganised and prosperous!"—Reuter.

SUPPORTS DECREE FOR WIFE

Mrs. Gladys Vera Cook,
of Canterbury Road,
Colchester, Essex, was
granted a decree nisi,
with costs, against Mr.
Didymus Thomas Cook,
who did not contest the
suit, but went into the
witness-box in support of
his wife's petition.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were married
in 1928 and have one child.

Mrs. Cook's case was that the
marriage was happy until 1937,
when she discovered her hus-
band's association with another
woman. He left Mrs. Cook to-
wards the end of that year.

Lord Merriman, the Pre-
sident, asked the husband if he
was aware that he was liable
for costs.

Mr. Cook: Oh, yes, I am fully
aware of that, but I have no
money so it makes no difference.

PLAYS IN GERMAN PRISONS

British prisoners of war in Ger-
man camps have taken to produc-
ing plays. Oflag VII C/H camp
started the vogue. Prisoners there
put on Galsworthy's "Escape,"
which ran for four performances.
They then produced a topical pan-
tomime, and then, by way of
variety, "Richard II."

Now prisoners at other camps
want to try their hand, and among
3,000 books to be sent to camps
this month by the Red Cross are
several volumes of plays which
have been asked for.

Biographies and books on tra-
vel, history, art, natural history
and mountaineering, as well as
novels, are being sent also.

In the first fortnight of Febru-
ary 97,008 food parcels were re-
ceived at Geneva, and during the
same period 65,527 were sent to
British prisoners. On February
15 a balance of 31,481 was at
Geneva awaiting transmission.

Among future parcels will be
some provided by the British
community in Cuba, who have
"adopted" eight prisoners. One
little boy, Billy Clark, wrote to
the British Embassy at Havana,
saying he wanted to send a week-
ly purchase of food "to some little
boy's brother or father."

"TIPPERARY" BEHIND CLOSED SHUTTERS

A letter from France that took
three months to reach England
tells of the observance of the one
hour's stay-indoors on January 1,
when the streets of towns and
villages in France were empty for
an hour at the suggestion broad-
cast from London by the Free
French.

The writer of the letter says the
observance was general and tells
how he and his family, behind
closed shutters, drank to the suc-
cess of de Gaulle and Great Bri-
tain and sang "Tipperary." The
neighbours heard, and soon the
whole house was singing "Tipper-
ary."

WOMAN POSED AS ARMY OFFICER

A woman who wore the
uniform of a lieut-
colonel in the R.A.M.C.
told the Lancaster
Magistrates that she
bought the outfit to im-
press her husband and
just to show off.

The woman, Esther Jacques
(31), of Halton, near Lancaster,
mother of two children, aged 11
and nine, was fined £2.

For receiving from a soldier a
confidential copy of an Army
training memorandum, a booklet

entitled "The Officer and His Job,"
and notes for the guidance of
commanding and staff officers re-
garding allowances, she was also
fined £3.

It was stated that the local
police knew Mrs. Jacques as a
first aid nurse, and their sus-
picions were aroused when they
saw her in an officer's khaki uni-
form, carrying two suitcases, and
making her way towards the rail-
way station.

In a statement to the police, she
said: "I had a break with my
husband, whom I last saw in
Manchester last November, and
I bought this uniform just to
show off to him."

NO UNREST OR DISUNITY, SAYS BERGERET

The Vichy Air
Minister, General Ber-
geret, who has just
returned from a visit
to Syria, stated in a
broadcast yesterday
that there was "no
unrest or disunity in
Colonial France."

He denounced the
celebrated Colonel
Collet — the almost
legendary leader of
the Circassian regi-
ments — as "an
officer formerly re-
nowned and hence-
forth a traitor,"
though without nam-
ing him.—Reuter.

VANISHING HALF— DOZEN

The chief of a fire-
watching group in Bognor
Regis sent out two girls to
watch a certain road, tell-
ing them to report back
after two hours.

The two girls didn't come
back to report.
Somewhat annoyed, he sent out
another two girls after the others.

The couple of girls who went
after the first couple of girls
didn't come back either.
Somewhat worried, the fire
watch chief sent out two men.

The two men who followed
the girls who followed the first
couple of girls also didn't come
back.

Terrribly worried, the fire-watch
chief told the police.

So the police followed the
men who followed the girls who
followed the first couple of
girls. And the police couldn't
find any one of them.

So they asked the military if
they had seen two men and four
girls.

"Sure," said the military.
"We've been holding them all be-
cause not one is carrying an iden-
tity card." So the identity cards
were produced.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Mr. Menzies Calls For An End To Party Politics

GAVE UP TICKET TO PALACE

A mother sacrificed her invitation to Buckingham Palace to see her son decorated with the D.S.M. so that his fiancée, whom she had never met, could go.

While waiting excitedly outside the Palace gates at a recent investiture to congratulate her son, Leading Stoker Douglas Banks, on his decoration and engagement, she stood near another mother, who was also waiting.

Until after the investiture neither knew that in a few months their families will be linked by marriage.

The other mother was Mrs. Smith, mother of Inez, Banks's fiancée.

"I've a good reason for not minding giving my place at the Palace to Inez," smiled Mrs. Elizabeth Banks. Then she introduced father Yeoman of Signals, Francis Banks like his son, a naval man.

"You see," she said, "I had all the excitement of having a D.S.M. in the family before. My husband was awarded one during the last war, and, as with my son's, it was for gallant conduct at Dunkirk."

APPEALING FOR UNITY in Australian politics, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States, said in Sydney yesterday: "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and spirit of the people."

Mr. Menzies hoped his warm personal friendship with the Labour leader, Mr. Curtin, might prove a symbol of the ultimate all-round cooperation of all parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war, not dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers."

"We must have the cooperation of men of all parties to face the supreme crisis in our history when one turn of the

wheel might extinguish us for ever."

For Six Months

In a reference to the United States, Mr. Menzies said: "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow President Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves."

"Australia must vastly increase war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

New Chivalry

Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr. Menzies said no account he had ever read of the bombing before, going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country.

The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I have returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."—Reuter.

PRIEZ POUR LUI

A refugee recently arrived from Brittany states that in every village church, at the end of the service, the priest says simply to the congregation, "Priez pour lui"—pray for him. Every head is bowed in prayer for the success of General de Gaulle. If an irate Nazi official calls on the priest to explain who is "lui," the priest replies that he may be anyone, for everyone has someone they pray for.

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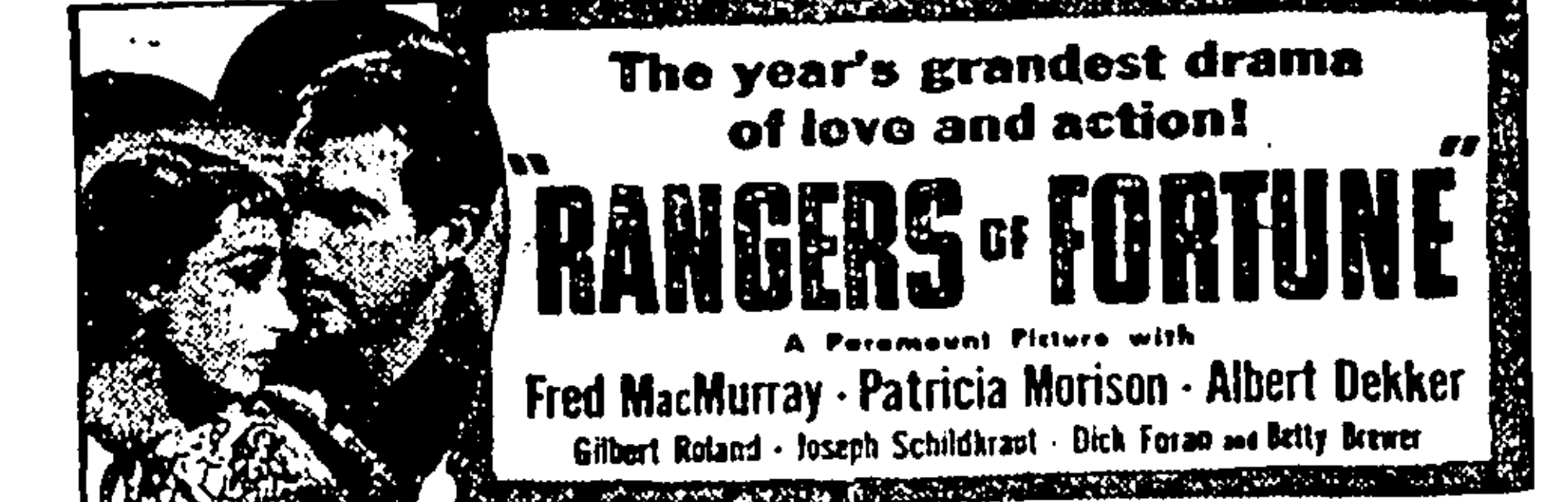
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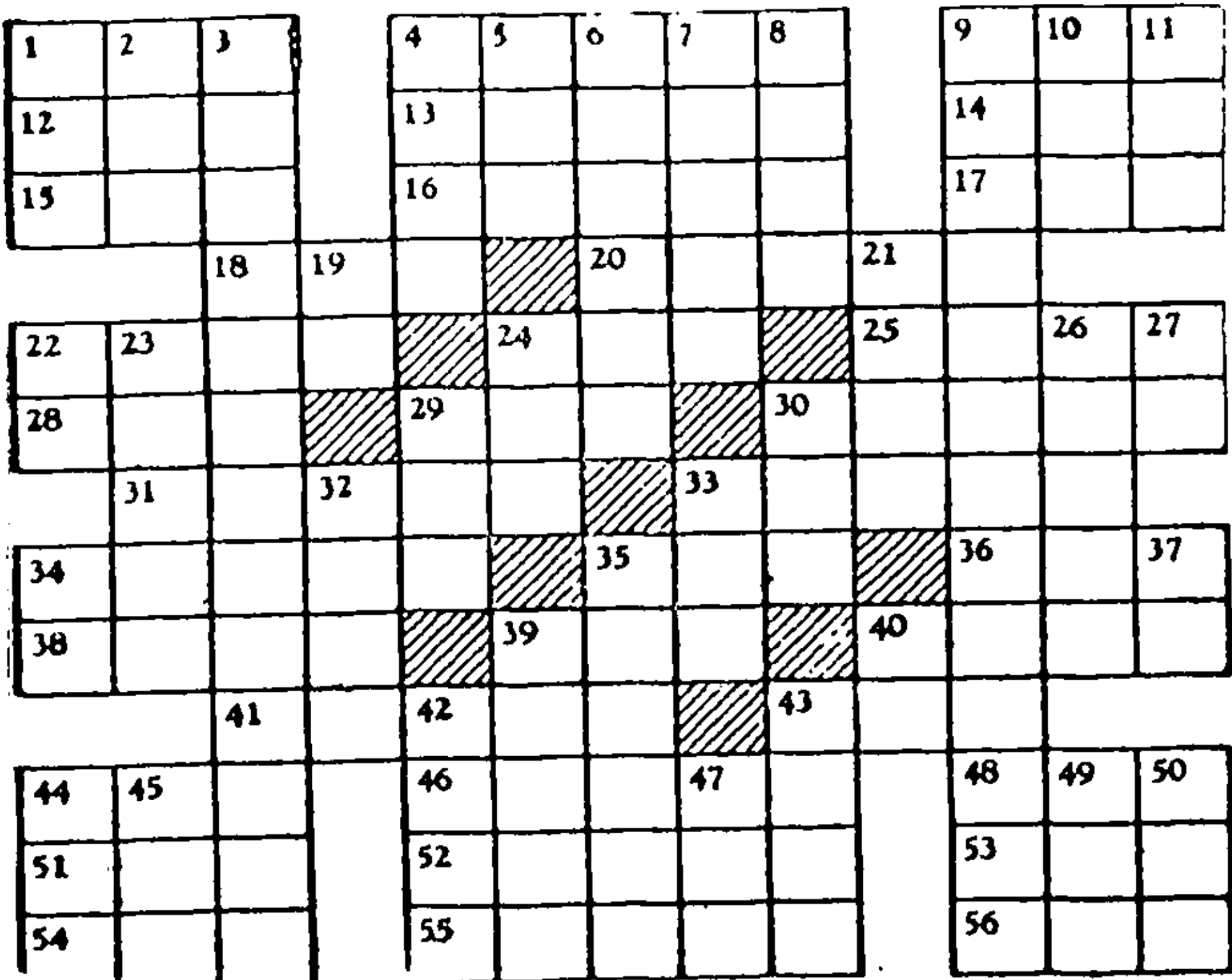
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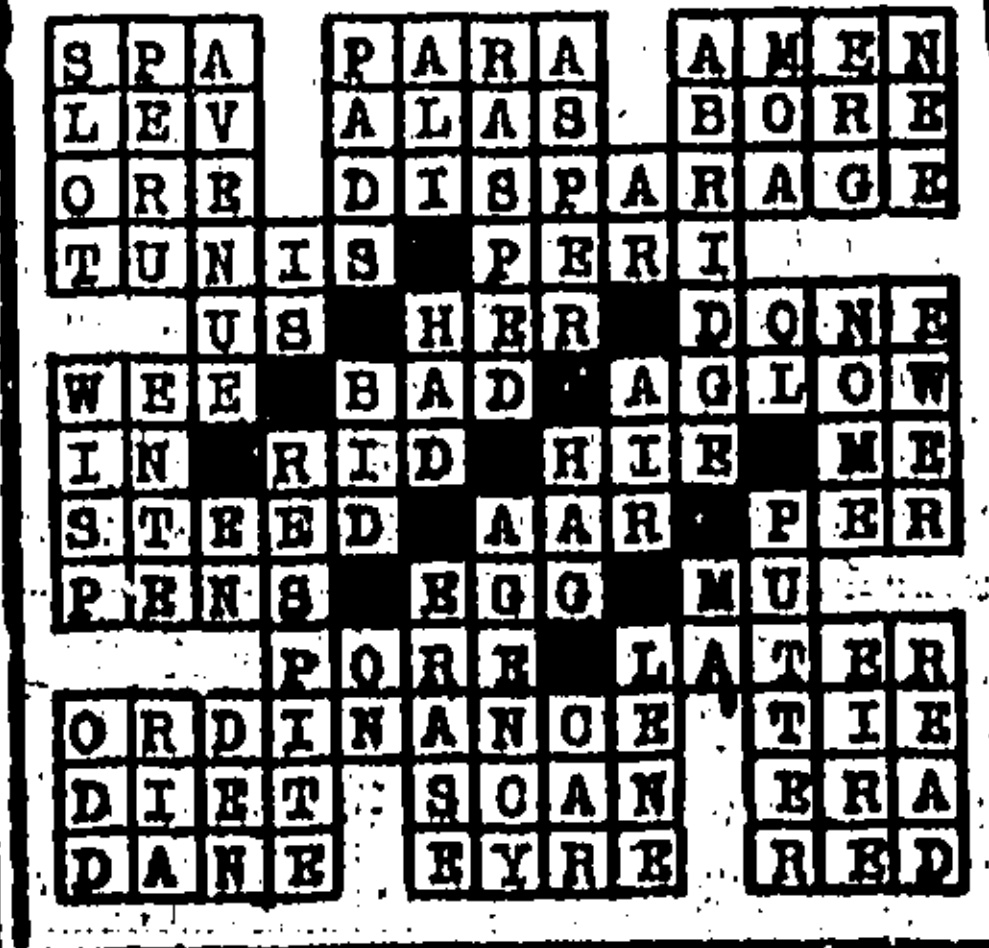


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Portuguese coin
 - 4 Place of combat
 - 9 Cowardly fellow
 - 12 To bring forth
 - 13 Former French capital
 - 14 Crude metal
 - 15 Before
 - 16 Growing out
 - 17 Original
 - 18 To irritate
 - 20 Lines of junction
 - 22 Fastidious
 - 24 Pronoun
 - 25 Norse armed galley
 - 28 Forth
 - 29 Distant
 - 30 Girl's name
 - 31 Speedy
 - 33 Alone stage direction
 - 34 Toll
 - 35 Brim
 - 36 Sailor
 - 38 Ancient European country
 - 39 Colloquial: crafty person
 - 40 Length measure
 - 41 Musical

- 43 Bulgarian coin
- 44 Hawaiian dish
- 46 Wrathful
- 48 To recede
- 51 Worthless leaving
- 52 Person of mixed blood
- 53 Confederate general
- 54 Period of time
- 55 Skilful
- 56 Till now

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Female ruff
 - 2 Hearing organ
 - 3 That which is unavoidable
 - 4 Summit
 - 5 Sped
 - 6 Rubber
 - 7 Saltpetre
 - 8 On the ocean

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 9 In regular order
- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Moisture
- 19 Printer's measure
- 21 To handle roughly
- 22 Italian river
- 23 Bucolic
- 24 Possessed
- 26 Durable white fibre
- 27 Symbol for calcium
- 28 Evergreen tree
- 30 To chop
- 32 Nosegay
- 33 Number
- 34 French article
- 35 To find
- 37 Note of scale
- 39 Discharged
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Narrow opening
- 43 For fear that
- 44 Seed container
- 45 Anglo-Saxon money
- 47 End
- 49 Insect
- 50 Wager

U.S. EXPERTS ANSWER WAR DEFEATISTS

Four retired Admirals headed a list of seventeen authorities on naval, military and aviation operations and on world politics, who joined in a contradiction of the Lindbergh thesis that Britain has already lost the war beyond recovery through any aid the United States might give.

"We believe such assertions unwarranted by the available evidence," they declared in a joint statement. Admitting that the British outlook is "grave," they marshalled nine reasons for their "joint and considered opinion that there is no warrant for presupposing a German victory."

They said that British sea power, particularly in combination with United States sea power, could deny Germany access to essential resources of the non-European world, and further, that the combined industrial production of Britain and the United States eventually would gear up to passing Germany, which started with the advantage of being already in high

industrial production, the military potential of the United States is only beginning to be felt in the struggle. Hence German's initial advantage, namely, in numerical superiority of aircraft and other instruments of war, is a temporary and fleeting factor which becomes one of attrition and exhaustion the Axis powers will be at a serious disadvantage as compared with the British Empire and the United States.

"Germany must win before American aid is effective," said the seventeen experts. "The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory, therefore, is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. American naval and air forces now possess the necessary striking force in 1917, to equalize and perhaps turn to our definite advantage the struggle now waging along the convoy routes."

The experts conclude that, even if it is true, which we deny, that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible.

Text Of Statement

Their statement follows:

In the belief that it will be of value to the American public, the undersigned students of military affairs and world politics offer the following statement of fundamental facts which are pertinent to the formulation of American policy in the existing situation. Sweeping assertions are being made that the British Empire already has lost the war and that nothing which the United States can do will have material influence upon the ultimate result. We believe such assertions unwarranted by the available evidence. We are aware that there are grave threats to British security in the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, and in the Far East. But it is our joint and considered opinion that factors of fundamental importance still operate in favour of Britain and her allies and that there is no warrant for presupposing a German victory. We respectfully call attention to the following facts:

1. By reason of British sea power Germany is denied access to the essential resources of the non-European world, both in industrial production and in raw materials. On the other hand, Britain still enjoys such access—particularly to the vital supplies produced within the empire and the United States.

2. Where American sea power, with its supporting air arm, made available to Britain the resulting Anglo-American preponderance on the sea would be even more effective. No power in control of the seas has ever been defeated in a prolonged war, and no power without such control has ever won a struggle of world-wide proportions.

3. The industrial plants of Germany are within reach of the Royal Air Force, whereas Britain (quite aside from her own considerable production, however subject to interruption) can draw upon the enormous industrial plants of the United States and the Dominions, which are safe from air attack. The total industrial capacity thus available to Britain far surpasses that available to Germany and her vassal States. In a war in which machines play so great a part, this is a fundamental advantage which time will still further accentuate in Britain's favour.

U.S. Power Growing

3. Whereas Germany's industrial plant is now geared to max-

imum production, the military potential of the United States is only beginning to be felt in the struggle. Hence German's initial advantage, namely, in numerical superiority of aircraft and other instruments of war, is a temporary and fleeting factor which becomes one of attrition and exhaustion the Axis powers will be at a serious disadvantage as compared with the British Empire and the United States.

4. The decisive area of the war is the land of Britain and its surrounding seas. If American tanks, aircraft, munitions, ships, food and supplies can reach Britain without substantial interruption and in ever-increasing quantities, Britain can more effectively resist attack and can ultimately take the offensive at first in the air and subsequently with other weapons as well. On the other hand, if Germany can seriously reduce or altogether stop the flow of American supplies to Britain, Hitler will have won the war.

The decisive period is from the present moment until the rising curve of American production passes that of Germany. Germany must win before American aid is effective. This Germany can do only by a successful invasion of Britain (which seems to present almost insuperable difficulties) or by cutting Britain's life-line of overseas supplies.

The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory, therefore, is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. Germany's hope is to render American aid ineffective by attacking the ships which carry that aid. If Germany has misjudged her ability to win this battle of the Atlantic—as she misjudged it in 1917—she cannot win the war.

5. American naval and air forces now possess the necessary striking force, as in 1917, to equalize and perhaps turn to our definite advantage the struggle now waging along the convoy routes. We do not underestimate the difficulties and realise that, in the event of American intervention for this purpose, a major effort would be required. We believe that our position in the Pacific should be maintained and by appropriate defensive measures in that area, and that Japan could be held in check should she decide to enter the war.

6. There is no doubt that Britain is suffering cruel punishment from the air and that German bombardments on the present scale might seriously impair the British ability and will to fight on. Adequate American production of aircraft, (particularly of long-range bombers) and their safe delivery to Britain would alter this situation in at least two fundamental respects: it would make possible effective British counter-measures, and it would raise British morale (while adversely affecting German morale) by large-scale reprisals against German industrial centres including Berlin.

7. If there is any people in the world who can and ought to surpass all others in the science of Mechanised warfare it is the people of the United States. We are literally a nation on wheels, a people who live with and by machines. If we so will, we can produce for Britain and for ourselves motorised and armoured equipment which will be superior to any thus far utilised in the war. We could begin with aircraft, the possibilities of which are as yet only partially realised, and proceed with other weapons.

8. It is imperative that we take

account of moral factors as being an inherent part of the military potential. Had defeatists been in command of British forces in the South Atlantic, nicely balancing weight of armour and metal, the Graf Spee would not now be a scuttled wreck in Montevideo harbour. Had a commercial balance sheet of population, trained troops, ships and instruments of war been struck in 1776, there would have been no Declaration of Independence and no independent United States of America. Bismarck always warned against overlooking what he called the imponderables—a warning which we should take to heart.

9. Even if it were true, which we deny, that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible.

The conditions must be created which will enable Churchill to fulfill the pledge which he made to the United States last September that the British fleet—in the event that it could not continue operations in its own waters—would resume the fight from empire bases. This is clearly in the interest of the United States, whether or not we intervene in the war.

The signers of the statement are:

Admiral William V. Pratt, retired, formerly Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral William H. Standley, retired, formerly Chief of Naval Operations.

Vice Admiral William L. Rodgers, retired, formerly president of the Naval War College.

Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, formerly Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet.

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Dr. Edward Mead Earle, professor, School of Economics and Politics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.

George Field Eliot, military and naval correspondent, The New York Herald Tribune and Columbia Broadcasting System.

Livingston Hartley, author "Our Maginot Line."

Walter Millis, author and journalist.

Nathaniel Peffer, Associate Professor of International Relations, Columbia University, New York.

Fletcher Pratt, military and naval correspondent, The New York Post and Time, Inc.

Lindsay Rogers, Burgess Professor of public Law, Columbia University, New York.

Raymond Gram Swing, author and commentator on foreign affairs, Mutual Broadcasting System.

Theodore P. Wright, Office of Production Management; formerly vice president and director of engineering, Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

CANDLES LED TO FINE

Because his application for a faculty to remove altar candles in his church had been refused, the Rev. Robert C. Tootill, rector of Goulceby Church, Lincs, lighted them so that they would burn away.

The lights from the two candles shone through an unscreened window during the black-out and as a result the rector was fined £1 at Horncastle Police Court.

STOLE WAR OFFICE 32-SEATER COACH

Black-out thieves in one night stole a War Department camouflaged thirty-two-seater motor coach in the City of London; forty-three half chests (about forty pounds each) of tea, valued at £350, from a warehouse at Compton's, Green Street, Shenley; and a doctor's saloon car, containing a case of dangerous drugs, at Balham, London, S.W.

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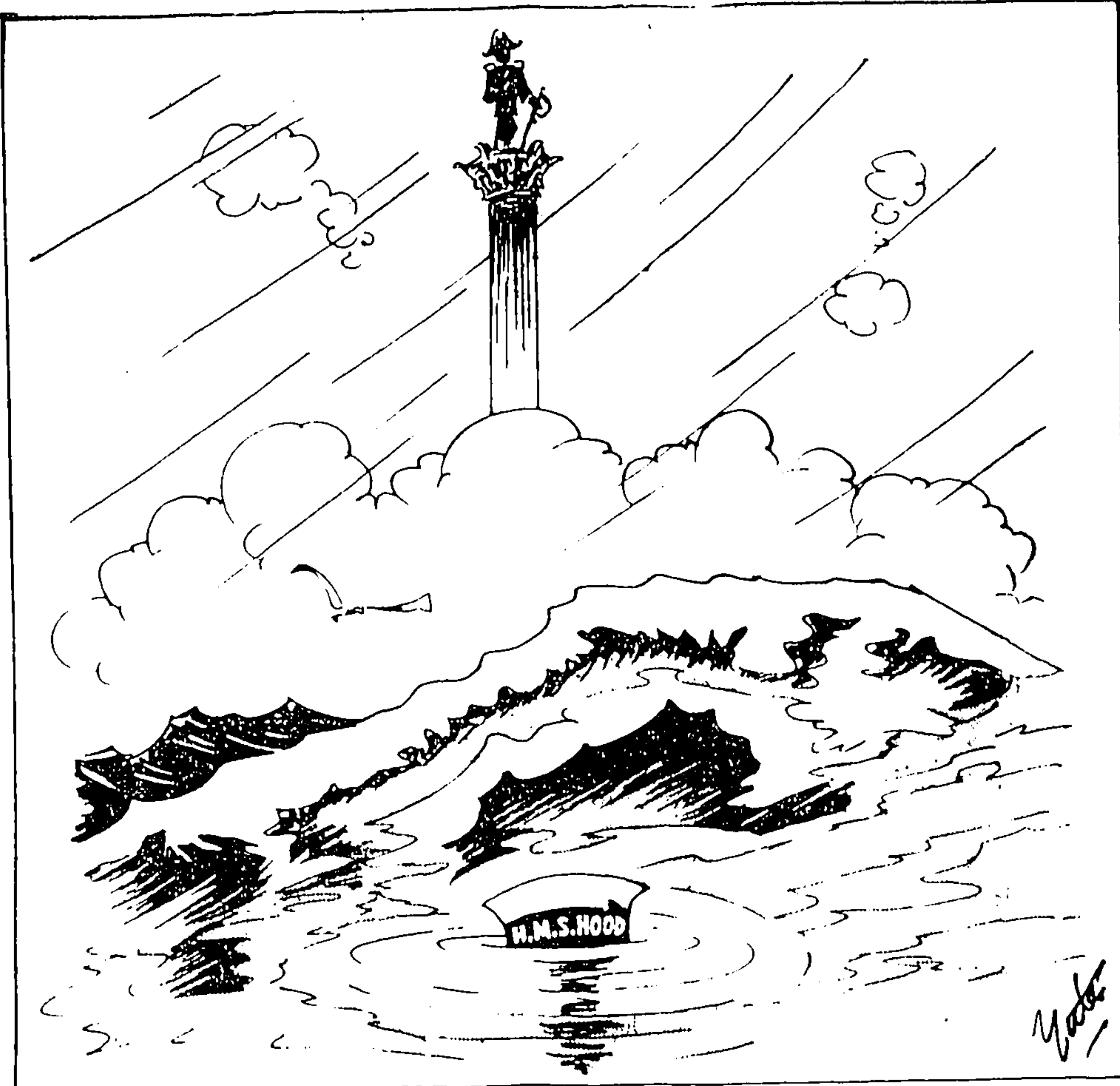
Loss of H.M.S. Hood on the eve, as it were, of President Roosevelt's statement of policy, which most assuredly will be deeply concerned with the issue of the Battle of the Atlantic, will lend additional emphasis to everything he says. It is stupid, of course, to permit the grievous loss to arouse undue depression. That is merely playing the game of Goebbels, whose extremes of enthusiasm have carried him to the farcical assertion that the loss of Hood is the deathblow of the Navy and to Britain's hope of winning the war. The Admiralty have not yet revealed the progress of the "three other ships" of the King George V class, whose keels were laid at more or less the same time as the King George V and Prince of Wales, but it would be surprising if they are not already undergoing sea trials, and the still more powerful Lion and Téméraire are not close on their heels in line for commissioning. Disturbing as the loss of Hood is, still more of the silent men who went down with her, any suggestion that the might of the Royal Navy is gravely undermined is preposterous.

It does, however, impress upon the United States the danger of sitting back and admiring the magnificent performances of our fighting men, and condoling with us in those tragedies that make up the story of a desperate conflict.

Americans are now demanding that the freedom of the seas should be asserted by the President. What is needed is something even more than that. The call for America's all-out effort has not been more strongly put than by Mr. William L. Batt, deputy director of the division of production in President Roosevelt's armaments organisation. "For us to suppose," he says, "that Britain is growing stronger every day in relation to Germany is criminal folly. For us to enjoy a growing feeling of safety simply because England is still fighting back is the grossest negligence. What is the cold, hard 'truth of the matter'? Germany points out that authority, started out with a military machine that could be matched only through the expenditure of \$10,000,000,000. To this it has added the production capacity of the occupied countries and the huge subsidies that it has exacted from them. Since last spring, Hitler's armies have conquered the Continent of Europe. The land armies have acquired tremendous forces of ammunition and equipment, so that since the collapse of France, Germany's production has been checked at the necessity of turning out great quantities of equipment. All this time British factories have been 'working day and night' to replace the equipment left on the roads of Flanders and the beaches of Dunkirk."

Mr. Batt is by no means unkind or unappreciative of the effort that America has made up to now. The machine-tool industry, he notes with pride, doubled its output in 1939 and redoubled it in 1940, and will do even better this year. Output of aircraft engines has increased twelvefold since last year, and tank production will be well under way within a few weeks. But, turning to the broad picture of the race with Germany, he reminds U.S. that while she shipped \$100,000,000 worth of materials to England in December, it still remains true that America has not provided Britain with as much as Hitler has been able to extort from France alone, "not to mention Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxemburg and Holland."

Does this mean that there is no use trying to aid Britain—that it is too late and the task is too big? Not at all, declares Mr. Batt. What it does mean is that America must multiply by three, five and even ten times the present rate of shipments to England. Then and only then, will it tip the balance in favour of Britain. But this, in turn, means that we must drop the fiction that we can perform a modern miracle of industrial transformation without hurting anybody.



WE WILL REPAY

Cheesy Ballads

By
Ivor Brown

Our vegetarians have been telling Lord Woolton, with some justice, that, since milk is meat to them, they should be allowed a larger share of the carving (perhaps paying word) of our national cheese supply. Other voices are raised, no less fairly, on behalf of the country labourer whose mid-day meal, or noontime (noon-meal), as it is called in the South-west, never did contain much meat but consisted of hunky bread and a slab of cheese. The town labourer might here interpose his claim to more of the coveted article, since he too was apt to carry a similar bundle for his interval's refreshment. It is not only the ploughman whose heart turns cheese-ward when the sun rides high. Bread with a mean of jam is a poor substitute for the sturdy cheese sandwich of the toiler's middle day.

Cheese, indeed, is so much a part of the native larder and of English life, was permitting that it goes rolling through all bucolic myths and ballads in its mild and milky way. Sang Calverley.

The farmer's daughter hath soft brown hair
(Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese).
And I met a ballad, I can't say where,
Which wholly consisted of lines like these.

"Bread and cheese and kisses," sang the older music-hall as types of thrifty pleasure. We have all met these songs with their dairy echoes and smack of the milkshed. The English, wherever they went, took such rhymes and fancies in the vagrant's pack. This prayer, for example, comes from America:

But I, when I undress me,
Each night upon my knees
Will ask the Lord to bless me
With apple-pie and cheese.

Surely this charming supplication is a reimport, having been first taken overseas by a Yorkshireman, if it in fact be true that the admirable blending of the cheese and apple flavours be mainly native to that county.

Be that as it may, you can never delve far into the prose and poetry of the elemental English without finding a cheesy smell and savour. Is the moon made of green cheese? So our playful simplicity has continually inquired. Thin men, poor scraps of humanity, are likened to Banbury cheese, though why that cake-

famous borough, lying among its rich, well-watered meadows, should yield so spare and mean an article is not explained. Dairy produce goes gleaming through the pastoral ballads, as Calverley observed, and even penetrates the urban slang. Many may have heard a cry of "Cheese it" without being aware of what it means—or meant, for it is an old catchword of the pavement. Apparently it is the equivalent, emerging from thieves' cant, of "Chuck it" or "Come off it." But why?

There appears to be something about cheese which fascinates the English and indeed almost intoxicates them, to such strange and contradictory uses do they apply the term. Cheese means "the correct thing," with the adjective "cheesy" as a Victorian term for fine or showy, while it is applied contemptuously both as a verb in "cheese it" and as a noun to a simpleton or fat-head. The strangest meaning of cheese is a deep curtsy, to "make cheeses," according to the O.E.D., being "a schoolgirl's amusement, consisting in turning round rapidly and then suddenly sinking down so that the petticoats take something of the form of a cheese."

It is sadly significant of our time that we now are delighted to receive "cheese" of any kind. Gone are the regional niceties, the fine and local nominations. Cheese, to be exact, is "the curd of milk, coagulated by rennet, separated from the whey and pressed into a solid mass." You would think that since pure milk and rennet do not vary greatly cheese would emerge very much the same wherever the blessed coagulations and compressions took place. But, happily, the reverse is the case. Cheese can be sweet or sour, blue or red, yellow or white, hard or soft, thanks to some nicely varying mystery in the methods and materials of its construction. True, the importation of a standardised article at a price convenient to the poorest did in peace-time obliterate from many minds the idea of cheese as a generic title for a grand assortment of country products, each proudly different and even aloof. How many workers at a London grocery counter would have known what a customer intended who suddenly asked for anything

so native and so picturesque as Dorset's Blue Vinny, for anything so quantitatively imposing as Double Gloucester, or for anything so unpretentiously local as Lancashire or Derbyshire?

For all I know the grocer who failed to respond to one such colourful request may have been justified. Perhaps Blue Vinny had disappeared from a world given over to sentimental moaning about its "blues" of the soul. If so, the more's the pity. For it was the great merit of the English cheeses to be regional and even parochial creatures, demanding to be stocked and served with a reverent and geographical scholarship, as much as if they were wines of vintage. Calverley could have made, had he troubled, a most agreeable ballad of these local beauties, for, like the flowers, "almost singing themselves they come." What have Dan'l Pearce, Peter Gurney, and Uncle Tom Cobley to set against Blue (Cheshire), Blue Vinny, Caerphilly, and old Double Gloucester and all as the items of a festive chorus? And that without starting on the noble army of Pennine cheeses.

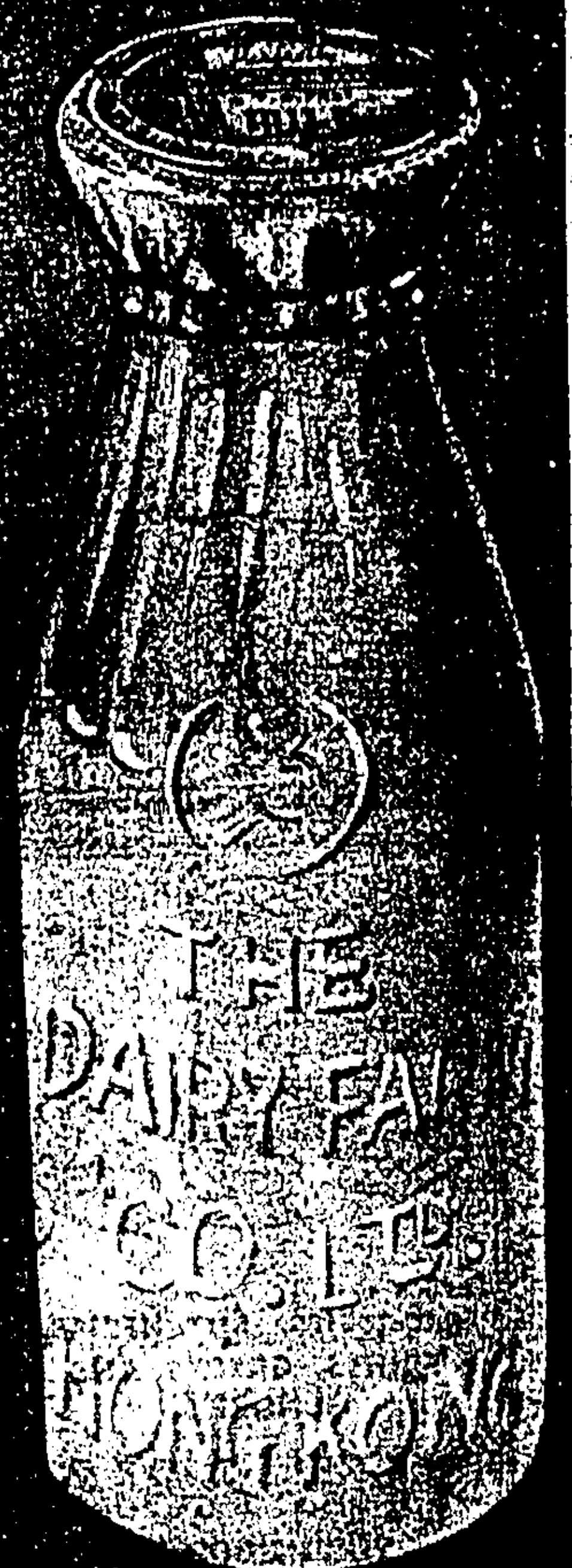
The trouble began when sundry "patent" cheeses were manufactured with detached portions in separate paper wrappings; cheese should be and should look a farmhouse article, and these were suburban; their isolated sections went pat with the genteel detachment of villadom. They were "nace," they were "refined." And whatever real cheese may be, raw with youth or rotten with the extremes of age, sharp or mellow, creamy or crusty, heavenly or horrible, it is never just "nace."

But to think of cheese in all its subtle variations is either to feed on happy recollections or to indulge in forward visions of the modest plenty which peace may bring. Meanwhile cheese is just cheese, a covetable paring from an anonymous slab, and of high utility as such, if not a source of zest. (My own advice is to help out a common-place cheese with a speck of mustard.) To the bal-ladry and beauty and diversity of cheese we shall some day return; for the present we may cite with gratitude, a simple observation made in 1855 by one Dr. Muffet, an early student of nutritive values and perhaps the parent of the curd-consuming miss made for ever famous by her session on a tuffet. "Bread and cheese," said the doctor briefly, "be two far-nate against death." He spoke for our time.

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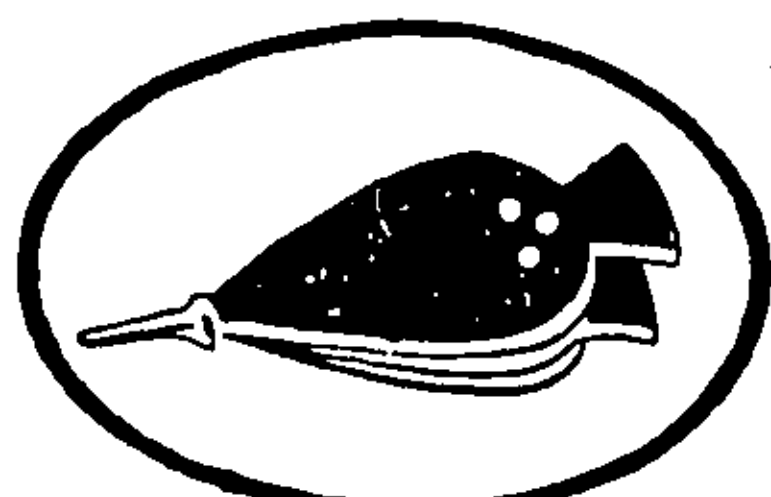
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OVER THE LIST OF SHIP SINKINGS AND GAVE
BRITAIN A YEAR.**

If America supplies the ships to make up for the rise in Britain's Atlantic losses, and supplies them now, these experts say, the women and children who climb out of the wreck of their rooftops each morning with thumbs thrust courageously upward, the youth who last September fought Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering's raiders to a standstill in the sky, the men of Dunkirk, of the Rawalpindi, of Thermopylae, will not have fought democracy's greatest battle all in vain.

People are asking, Is America going to help keep the British "thumbs up"?

Britain's merchant ship losses in the last 12 months amounted to 4,158,986 tons, and the U-boat toll during March ran somewhat above the monthly average. What these losses mean in terms of dollar-value of cargoes to say nothing of their intrinsic worth to a nation fighting for its life can be computed with reasonable accuracy on the basis of a corrected average valuation of \$35 a gross ton. Thus the total cargo loss during the last 12 months amounted to \$145,564,510. To these losses must be added the huge replacement cost of the ships themselves. Based on current American shipbuilding rates the ship losses of the last year amount to approximately \$1,500,000,000.

Total Losses

According to the complete compilation of Allied ship losses released by the Associated Press on April 24, the total amount of tonnage sunk in the war amounts to 5,651,481 tons. The value of the ships and cargoes involved in these total war losses, computed on the basis stated above, amounts to \$1,893,246,135.

These figures indicate the need for American help, which is now moving toward the extension of the neutrality patrols.

Britain began the war with considerably more than 12,000,000 tons of ocean-going shipping, counting only vessels of 1,000 tons or over. War losses have reduced this figure to about 7,000,000 tons, but the London Economist estimates Britain's shipping has been increased by 8,000,000 tons obtained from Norway and other conquered countries, beside neutral charters, enemy captures, and more recently by transfers of American ships under the lend-lease programme. Thus Britain is believed to have at least 15,000,000 tons of merchant shipping in operation at this time.

In the United States merchant marine, actual and building, Britain has a large reservoir of cargo tonnage which can be used to transport planes, guns, tanks, food and munitions to democracy's frontline defences.

The United States has more than 1,200 ocean-going merchant vessels, not counting lake or river tonnage, amounting to more than 7,000,000 gross tons. About 450 ships are under construction or under contract. At present there are 119 shipways: 143 are being built and plans for nearly 100 more are underway.

According to the Chairman of the United States Marine Commission this effort is "more than twice as great as any ever before attempted, by this or any other country."

This statement probably applies to peacetime efforts, because the present shipbuilding programme does not equal that undertaken by the United States in the World War when the country's 215 shipways were expanded to 1,284. During the peak of the World War programme ships were being turned out at the rate of nearly 3,000,000 gross tons a year. But this peak was not reached until 1920, two years after the Armistice.

Speed Is Essential

The speed with which shipbuilding is carried on in time of war, it appears, is vastly more important than the size of the undertaking. According to the Chief of Transportation Service,

"at no time before July 31, 1919, was the American tonnage sufficient to meet all needs." This report was confirmed by the Chairman of the Shipping Board. "The war was won," he said, "despite the fact that we could not build ships fast enough to feed 80 or 100 divisions."

It is evident from these statements that the decisive factor in the World War was the speedy impressment of all existing tonnage. The report of the official Reichstag committee investigation of the causes of the German collapse called attention to the haste with which ships were assembled and sent to France during the crucial months of the last big German drive verifies this point.

"The extraordinary increase in American troop transports since May 1918 was a surprise," says this German report. "In the massive reinforcements which the Americans brought at the critical moment lies the significance of America's intervention. Our hope to bring about a decision through our 1918 offensive, before the Americans could come in with great forces, was unfulfilled. The Americans arrived then in such numbers that the ending of the war unfavourably to us was influenced by it."

This view should help to emphasise that the present huge expansion in American shipbuilding is secondary to the speed with which all available ships now afloat can be pressed into service to bridge the oceans between America's factories and democracy's war fronts.

Where can these ships be procured?

Lend-Lease Reservoir

A tabulation of American ocean-going merchant ships as of January 1, 1941, shows the number and types of ships, both Government and privately owned, which form a lend-lease reservoir for Britain.

Type	Number	Tonnage
Passenger	123	956,861
Freighter	749	3,722,877
Tankers	361	2,596,458

Total 1,233 7,279,196

Out of this total of 1,233 oceangoing vessels, some 304 are engaged in overseas services. The remaining 929 are either in coastwise or nearby foreign trades with the exception of 56 Government and 41 privately-owned vessels which are listed as laid up.

These 929 ships total nearly 5,500,000 gross tons. Of these some 361 are tankers. The remaining 568 ships trading within the Western Hemisphere represent a nucleus of close to 3,000,000 gross tons which the United States may divert to British use if the need becomes urgent. In the World War, the coastwise fleet transported 500,000 American soldiers and a vast amount of supplies to France.

Presumably the 300 American merchant ships now operating overseas are transporting vital raw materials to the United States. The 257 freighters operating within the Western Hemisphere and the 311 ships in the coastwise trade might be diverted to essential war services. Making the best use of this reservoir of ocean-some ships would help to offset British losses and speed aid to Britain until America's output of new ships reaches its maximum production.

Official Survey Urged

The fact that ships diverted from domestic services played a much greater part in winning the World War than the \$5,000,000,000 wartime shipbuilding programme

**LIVE BOMB
UNDER
HIS BED**

After sleeping with a live 25lb. bomb under his bed since last October, a man has been accused of receiving it and not reporting its situation.

He is thirty-year-old Philip Stonard, cabinet-maker, of Glenroy Street, Wood-lane, Shepherd's Bush, who pleaded guilty at West London.

Detective Inspector Sands said that up to two weeks ago Stonard had lived at Shinfield Street, Shepherd's Bush, where, after he had left, another tenant found the bomb under the bed. "It had been there since last October," said the Inspector.

Very Much Alive

"Another man took it to the house and the rod was taken from the nose. By doing that they thought the bomb, a British one, had been rendered harmless."

"In fact the detonator was still there and it was very much alive."

The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, ordering a week's remand, said he wanted to know what the other man was doing with the bomb.

Stonard was allowed bail.

**RAIL RESCUES BY
A.R.P.**

A.R.P. men and war-workers on their way to work helped to rescue passengers when two local trains collided at Leyton, E., station shortly after dawn.

Hundreds of people were in one of the trains and fifty were injured — none seriously.

underscores the necessity for an official survey of the coastwise trade in order to determine how many of these ships can be requisitioned for Atlantic service.

Probably an agency will have to be set up to direct ship placements and operations. In the World War this work was carried out by the Shipping Control Committee acting under the supervision of the Shipping Board Chairman.

In diverting ships from coastwise to overseas services, the Committee was also entrusted with the work of maintaining the flow of domestic freight movements either by routing the traffic to the railroads or by substituting ships not suitable for overseas requirements. The fact that the United States did not have enough tonnage to make up the deficit in coastwise trade necessitated the suspension of the American laws reserving this trade to domestic carriers. Foreign ships suited to the needs of the coastwise services were employed during the emergency.

Heavy Load On Rails

A heavy burden was placed on the railroads by the withdrawal of ships from the coastal trade. Maintaining the steam coal trade between the Chesapeake and New England ports was one of the major problems confronting this wartime shipping control committee.

The recent protest of New England manufacturers that the proposed diversion to the Red Sea of some colliers from the Boston steam coal trade would seriously handicap factories engaged in national defence work shows that this region is as dependent as ever on ships for its vast coal requirements. New England's tidewater steam coal imports last year amounted to 11,747,200 tons and the demand is rising under the pressure of accelerated defence output.

A shipping control board, acting on ship requirements in the order of their priority, can effectively supervise the work of diverting America's present maritime resources to afford the fullest aid to Britain in the quickest possible time.



"Hudson's Bay," which stars Paul Muni and is showing at the King's Theatre, opens a new world of adventure to moviegoers. Showing Muni in a role unlike any he's ever done, the film features Gene Tierney, Laird Cregar, John Sutton and many others.

U.S. IS PASSING NAZI ARMS OUTPUT---KNOX

COL. FRANK KNOX, Secretary of the Navy, asserted at Fort Dix, N.J., that "in the next ninety days" the United States "will be producing more war equipment than any other country in the world, including Germany," and that the army being trained now in Army camps throughout the nation "can stack up against any army in the world."

The Secretary's opinions were expressed during a review of the 44th Division, composed mainly of National Guardsmen inducted into the Federal service on September 16, 1940.

The review was described by Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commanding general of the 1st Army, as the first review of an American army division at war strength since the World War. It was also the first review of a United States Army division with motorized equipment, an innovation since the first World War.

Col. Knox visited Fort Dix as guest of the cantonment and the 78th Division Veterans' Association, of which he is a member. He was trained here in 1917 with the division known as the "Lightning" Division, becoming a captain in the 309th Field Artillery and a major in command of the 303rd Ammunition Train. His visit marked his first to Fort Dix in twenty-four years.

In his honour the 44th Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Clifford R. Powell, staged a sixty-eight-minute review on the division's parade ground as a twenty-mile wind swept across the reservation and chilled twelve hundred members of the veterans' association and their friends.

"We Are Ready"

"We are ready. If need be, to match the sacrifices of men and women who gave us this country," Col. Knox said after watching the 18,000 men, 900 officers and 1,700 vehicles pass before the reviewing stand.

The men who passed before him "will give a very good account of themselves," he predicted, "if they are ever called on for combatant duty."

Col. Knox did not discuss the proximity of "combatant duty," nor did he elaborate on the complement of equipment assigned to the 44th Division, which is judged to be as well equipped as any other division, beyond observing that it has 50 per cent of its equipment and that it and other divisions "are coming along fast."

After the review, which began at 11 o'clock Col. Knox was guest of honour at a luncheon in the Officers' Club, given by the veterans' association. His portrait was presented to the club, in a ceremony underneath the flag near the clubhouse, by Capt. Barnard Eberlin, chairman of the association's army liaison committee.

Far Greater Danger

Col. Knox reminded his fellow veterans that when the United States went to war twenty-three years ago it was because "we felt the things we cherished more than life itself were in danger."

"To-day," he said, "we meet at a time of far greater danger than when we left for Europe. Then, only a part of the world was threatened. To-day that threat is universal — the world around. Never since civilisation emerged has one man so fearfully threatened the world with domination as now."

"Again America is alarmed, and again in its alarm it is making itself ready for whatever the future may bring. The men we saw march to-day, like the men all over the country, have the same determination that we had when we were here years ago — that our type of institutions and our way of life shall not be destroyed to make way for some other form."

"Our nation was born of toll and sweat and blood. The sacrifices that bought it for us may be asked again. The things that are worth while in life must be bought by sacrifice and can be maintained only by willingness to sacrifice again."

Reminding that the A.E.F., fighting in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in the first World War, proved that "Germany is not invincible," Gen. Drum followed him and assured the veterans that a similar belief of German vulnerability is held by the "army we are building to-day."

WENT ON WITH HIS PLOUGHING

A ploughman working in a field near a south-east coast town heard the roar of a bomber and took no notice.

Then he heard a bomb coming down. It plunged into the ground only 25ft. away from him. It was a delayed action bomb. The ploughman stepped over and peered down the little crater.

Then he just went on with the ploughing.

ARTIST AND WIFE GAOLED

The "swordstick menaces" case ended in prison sentences at the Old Bailey. Kenneth Leslie Bennett, aged nineteen, artist, of Mount Pleasant, South Ruislip, Middlesex, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

His wife, Constance Margaretta Bennett, aged nineteen, got nine months.

The Recorder (Sir Gerald Dodson) said that it was a deliberate blackmail plot skillfully carried out. But for their youth, the penalty would have been much greater.

"It is one of the sad features of modern life that young people are much older than their years, and do things which older people would never dream of doing," added the Recorder.

The couple were found guilty of demanding £250 with menaces from Mr. Harold Shatter of East-cote, Middlesex.

"Offer" To Girl, 17

Miss Margarita Cotton, aged seventeen, friend of Mrs. Bennett, alleged that Mr. Shatter asked her if she would like a fur coat.

She continued: "I said: 'They are very nice.' Then he said: 'If I can get my wife to go to Scotland for three weeks, will you take a flat with me? You can have all the coats and jewellery you like and £5 a week.' I replied: 'I would not dream of doing anything like that.'"

Previously, he had given her £10 because he said he was "interested in her."

Inspector Smith said: "Kenneth Bennett imagines himself to be superior to the rest of his family, and is vain and self-seeking."

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♠ A 10 8 3

♥ A Q 8 7 2

♦ Q 8 4

♣ 10

WEST

♠ Q J

♥ 6 4

♦ 9 7 3 2

♣ Q 9 6 5 3

EAST

♠ K 5 2

♥ 5 3

♦ K 10 6 5

♣ J 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ 9 7 6 4

♥ K J 10 9

♦ A J

♣ A K 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Queen of spades, and South looked at the dummy rather desolately. It was possible that he would lose a diamond and two spade tricks—down two at a voluntarily bid Slam!

But there was nothing to be gained by scowling at his partner, so South decided to make his only play for the contract.

He won the first trick with dummy's spade Ace and immediately led a low diamond, successfully finessing the Jack. When that held, South breathed a mild sigh of relief, but his troubles were not yet over. The next step was to draw two rounds of trumps, and then South laid down the diamond Ace, followed by the top clubs. Dummy next ruffed a club, and South ruffed dummy's Queen of diamonds.

At this stage, both the North and South hands were void of the minor suits, each hand held trumps, and only two pades were left in the dummy. And now South led a low spade. The opponents were helpless. If West won the Jack, any return lead would allow dummy to discard the losing spade while South ruffed. And if East overtook with the spade King, dummy's spade ten would become established as a natural winner.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held

♠ K J 9 7
♥ A J 4
♦ K 10 6 3
♣ A 10

The bidding:

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. The opponents' suits are not going to develop well for them, and they ought to be set anywhere from one to four tricks, depending on the location of a few minor honours.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 726

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different.

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer

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HARD LUCK WORD IS SLAVERY

Sentenced to six months' imprisonment for theft and fraudulent withdrawals from a banking account, Arthur Glass (23), said that every time he tried to go straight things went wrong.

At Marylebone Police Court Glass admitted stealing a camera and a bank book, forging withdrawal forms, and obtaining sums from a Post Office banking account.

He stated that he injured himself as a builder's labourer, spending seven months in hospital. He became a seaman, and fell down a hatchway; a street photographer, he smashed his camera.

Active In Crime

Detective Cromber outlined several convictions recorded against Glass for theft. He had recently been living on the proceeds of crime.

Mr. Snell remarked that Glass had made a clever plan, but had been persistent and active in crime.

HUSBAND PLEADS FOR WIFE

A husband's plea saved a woman from being sent to prison by the Old Street Magistrate, Mr. F. O. Langley.

Mrs. Ellen Catherine Nolan (28), described as of Edgeley Road, Clapham, appeared on remand on a charge of being concerned in the theft of cigarettes and cigars valued at £1,565 from a lock-up shop in Stepney. She pleaded "Guilty."

Mr. Langley said Mrs. Nolan's husband had appealed to him not to send her to prison in spite of her record and the fact that she was involved on this occasion in a serious theft. He would take a chance and put the case back for a matter of months.

If it looked as though the couple were happy and going right, he might not have to send her to prison at all.

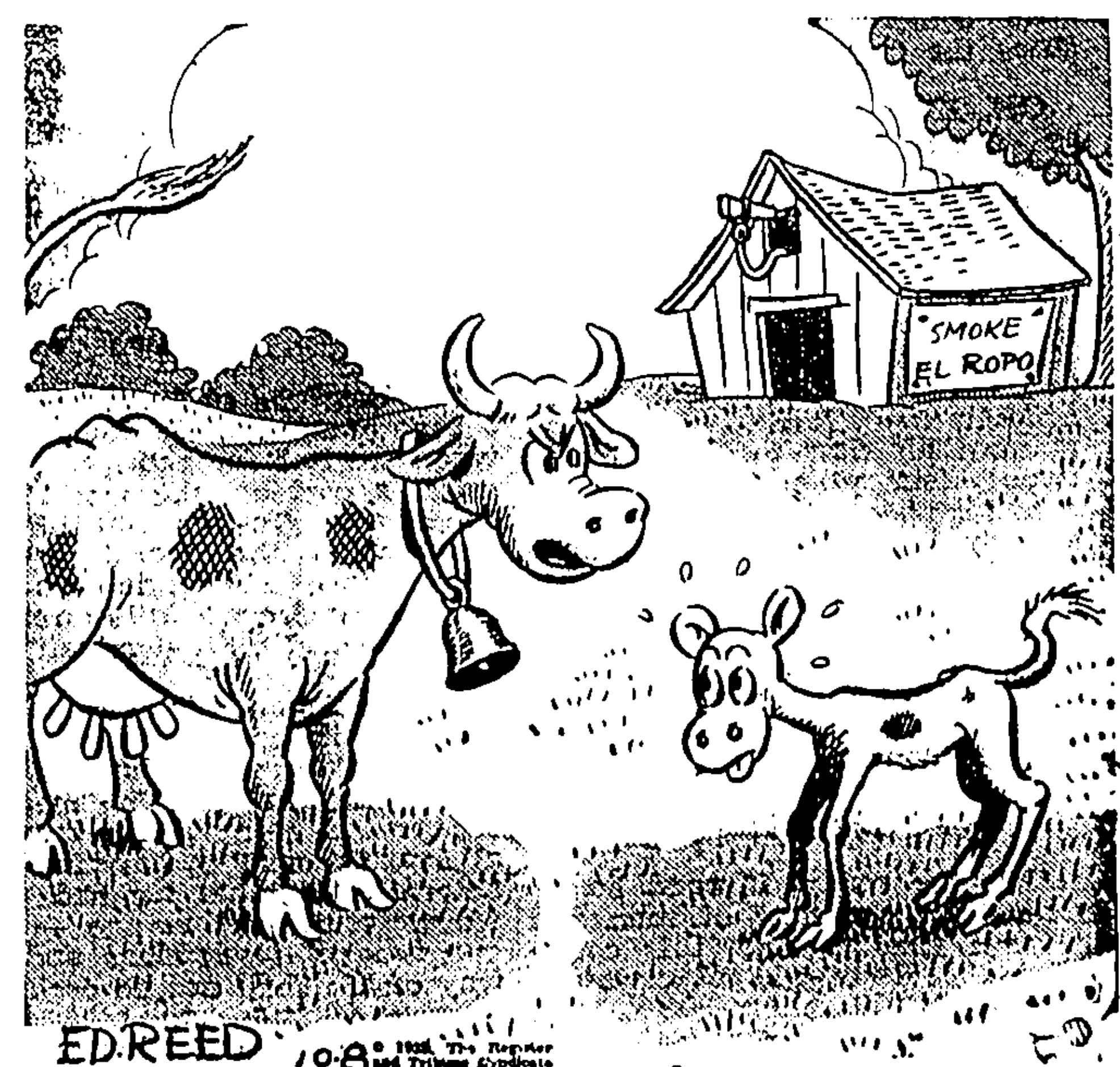
"It will be perfectly monstrous if either let me down," he said, remanding Mrs. Nolan on bail.

SECOND MEDAL THIS WAR

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded its bronze medal for gallantry to Coxswain Thomas H. Bloom, of its lifeboat station, and Finton, who won the Institution's silver medal in October, 1939.

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By ED REED



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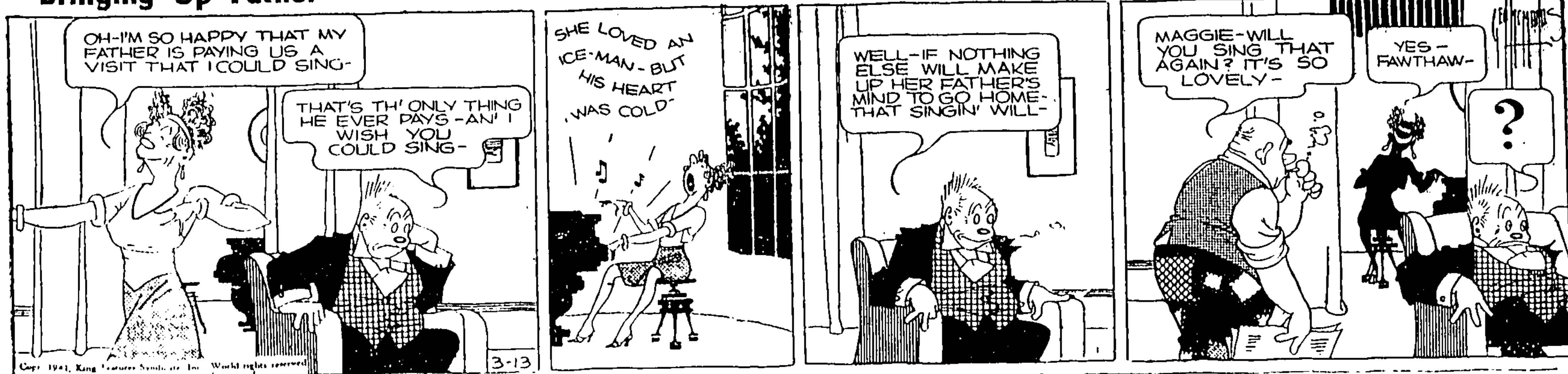
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Fashion Bares Midriffs During Day & Evening

The vogue for brief play clothes which bare one's midriff has met with popular approval. And so have evening gowns, which consist of a respectable bra top and full skirt on tight-fitting waist-band. That means, my darlings, that the skin area from bosom to navel needs special sunning if it is to match in tone with that of your exposed chin, face and back! Careful sunning is the answer!

If you decide to adopt these coyly brazen toques (which are delightful for the hotter days) you must be consistent in the model you choose for day and night. A two-piece bathing suit, bra and shorts, or a bathing and swimming, and a gown modelled similarly, should be your choice. For the part you turn to the sun during the day must not be less than the part your gown reveals by night. You cannot call it beautiful when there is a definite line between pily white skin and the other party which has been well bronzed!

Area Delicate

The midriff area is delicate—it has been covered pretty constantly since you were born so it requires the exact same treatment that a baby's skin would get. It cannot stand the amount of sun at one time which the more conditioned areas can stand, and some of the prepared sun lotions and creams used for general sun-screening will be too stringent or too heavy. For the first treatments use a mild, soft cream or lotion which would not harm a baby's skin. One of the finest for this purpose is an old-timer and an old favourite which comes in a white bottle with a blue top. Perhaps it is a favourite with you too.

Later, if you wish to encourage a deep, deep colour (which heaven forbid!) you may use one of the thicker formulas which contain some colouring.

For Men, Too

The particular sunburn lotion to which I refer has a very nice versatility for you may keep your skin as fair you desire, by applying it frequently as you can or you may permit your skin to



Midriff sun fashions, intriguing to say the least, demand anointing of skin with a soothing, efficacious lotion to screen the sun's scorching rays.

take on colour by being sparing with it. Even the thinnest film filters the burning power of the sun but does allow the beneficial Vitamin D to reach your skin. The amount and frequency of application depends on two things: the sensitiveness of your skin and the degree of tan you desire.

If a man in your family has the problem of a bald head under the sun he too, will like this sun lotion, for it is cooling and refreshing and seems to disappear as soon as it is rubbed over the skin surface. But nevertheless it does its job by keeping

his pate free of torturing sunburn and no ingredient in it will harm the few little hairs he still prudently possesses!

Midriff Sunning Good

Midriff sunning is good for you, by the by, whether you like the midriff fashions or not. An eminent doctor has voiced his opinion that sun on the stomach is beneficial for nervous stomach disorders. Many nerves centre there which respond gratefully to the relaxation of lying under the sun and the heat from it.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's taken an awful beating during the day he means he's been held-up.



Bille Burke looks very cool and beguiling in her crisp white blouse, washable gloves and port sailor. A white china lily corsage adds another note of freshness.

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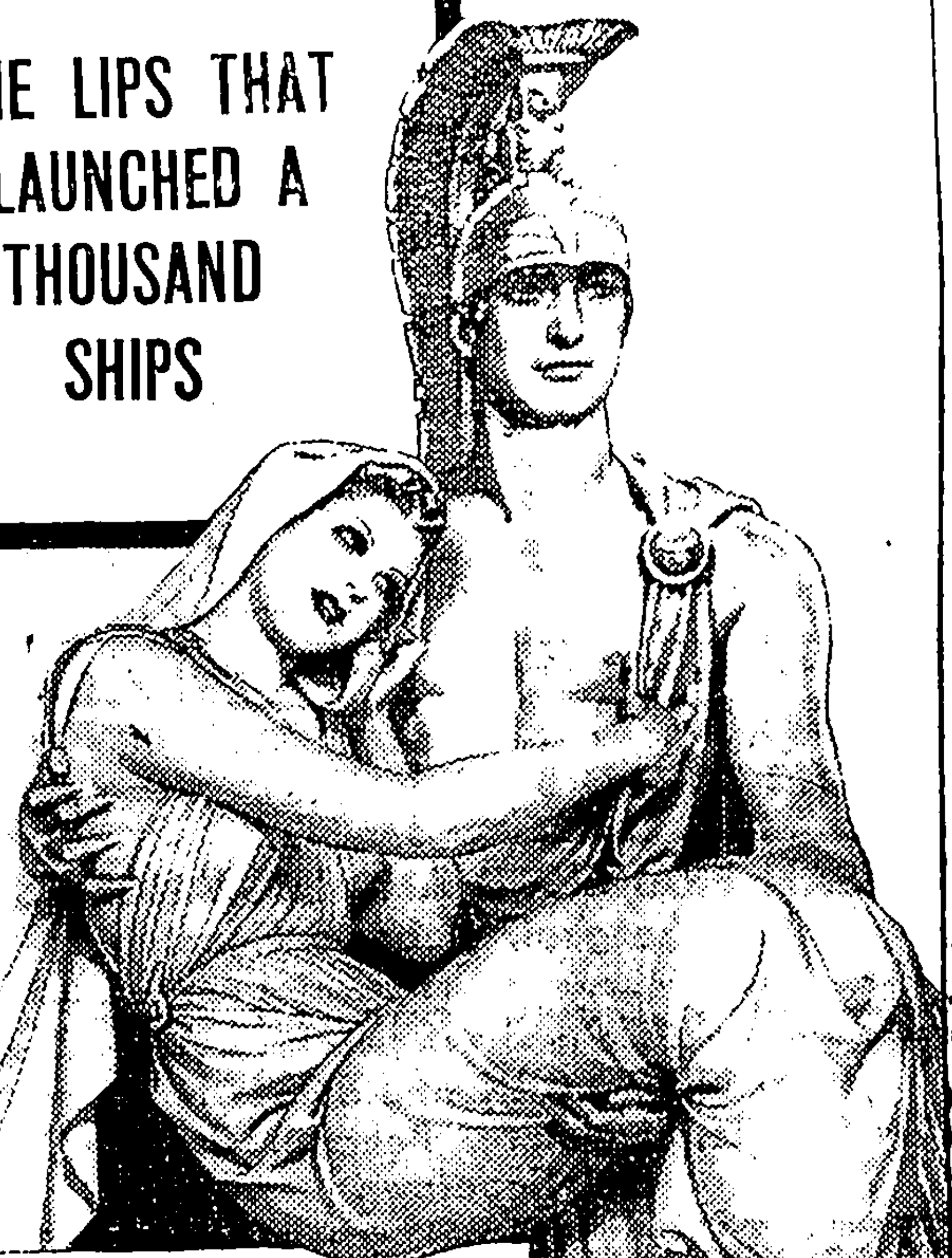


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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Sonata in A Major.

1st Mov. Allegretto ben moderato; 2nd Mov. Allegro; 3rd Mov. Recitative-Fantasia; 4th Mov. Allegretto poco mosso. Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal: Someday You'll Find Your Bluebird (from "The Bluebird"). Blue Lovebird (from "Lillian Russell"). Constance Boswell with Orch. Xylophone: Joey the Clown (Myers). Rio de Janeiro (de Gredos). Rudy Starita with Orchestra. Vocal: The Yam Step. The Yam (both from film "Carefree"). Fred Astaire with Orchestra. Mouth Organ & Vocal: You Can't Run Away from Love To-night; Night Over Shanghai (both from film "The Singing Marine"). Larry Adler.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot: Stranger in a Cup of Tea; Love was Born (both from "Crazy Days"). Billy Mayerl & his Orch. Slow Fox-Trot: Heaven will be Heavenly (film "Land Waggon"). Quick-Step: Roadhouse Revels. Jack Hyllon & his Orchestra. Fox-Trot: Moon at Sea. Waltz: You Needn't Have Kept It a Secret. Ronnie Munro & his Orchestra. Fox-Trot: It Seems Like Old Times. White Sails. Ruby Newman & his Orchestra. Quick-Step: Walkin' Thru' Mockin' Bird Lane. Jack Payne & his Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.42 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

Woodcutters' Song (Knot). Beccet.

Whispering (Schonberger).

Tea For Two ("No, No Nanette").

In a Persian Market (Kefauver).

6.45 p.m.—Moszkowski—"From Foreign Lands" Suite. State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—New Variety.

Vocal: My Sister and I (Kramer & others). Afraid to say Hello (Taylor Arlen). Ben Wain with Orch.

Piano: The Lady Craves Attention (Carroll). Harlem (Carroll).

Eddie Carroll.

Comedian: Sitting on the Ice in the Ice Ring (Cottrell). Why Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrell-Bennett). George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestra accom.

Organ: Torch Parade. No. 3.

Intro: I can't love you any more.

I'll never smile again, until I smile at you. Until you fall in love, I hear bluebirds. Fools rush in.

We'll go smiling along. Sidney Torch.

Vocal: Only Forever (film "Rhythm on the River"). Turner Layton and his Piano.

8.30 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme with Maxine Sullivan.

Fox-Trot: Swanee. Ole King Cole.

Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing.

I'm coming Virginia (Heywood & Cook). Loch Lomond (arr. Thornhill) (both in Fox-Trot Tempo).

Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot: Watcha Know Joe.

Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Darling Nellie Grey (in Fox-Trot Tempo). Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot: My Honey's Lovin' Arms.

Quick-Step: Avalon. Val Rosing & his Swing Stars.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Half an Hour of Popular Classics.

Tone-Poem "Finlandia"—Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius). Leopold Stokowski & the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Le Cygne (Saint-Saens). Marcel Mule (alto saxophone) with Piano.

Where'er You Walk (Handel). John McCormack (Tenor) with Orch.

Eccosaise (Beethoven). Mischa Levitzki (Piano).

"Rusamunde"—Ballet Music No. 2, Op. 26 (Schubert). Serge Koussevitzky & the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Piano: Angelicus (Gazera-Grossi-Franck). Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with State Opera Orchestra.

Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff). Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Liszt—Hungarian Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra. Jacques Dupont (Piano) and the Orchestra Symphonique of Paris.

10.00 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Acts I & II. Singers in Order of appearance: Corrado Zambelli, Bianca Scocciati, Ida Mennarini, Francesco Merli, Enrico Molinari, Giuseppe Zinetti, Enzo Arnaldi, Emilio Venturini and the Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

Factory-Made Ships May Solve Shipping Problem

(By A Special Correspondent)

PLANS FOR THE construction of fabricated ships in Britain have now reached an important stage.

The announcement has just been made of the registration of a new shipbuilding concern. It is called the Stockton Construction Company, Ltd. With a capital of £10,000, the company will carry out the construction of fabricated ships.

DODGED DEATH ON LAND, SEA

Seaman Mick Bray had twice known the horror of seeing pals struggle for life in icy seas. Once he had reached a lifeboat, only to be blown away again by the blast from an exploding ship.

Shipwrecked four times, and now he was offered the peace and comfort of a shore job.

Should he take it, or should he go back to sea?

He pondered over the matter as he sat drinking in an east coast port with a shipmate who had sailed with him for twenty-five years.

He decided that he would stay ashore while his pal made a six months trip then he would rejoin him.

Mick's pal never returned. He had answered the call of the sea for the last time.

Weeks later Mick again sat in the "local."

Around him, seamen talked of voyages and ships.

Mick thought of his old pal, drank his pint and went.

Regulars in the room looked at each other; it was unusual for Mick to leave so early.

It had been the cautioning call of the sea before — now Mick heard the warning voice of fate.

As he entered the street the sirens sounded and there was the noise of falling bombs. One crashed into the room in which Mick had sat only two minutes before.

People were buried, some were killed. Mick was unhurt.

HE CAN TEACH WOMEN HOW TO KNIT

Women cannot compete with Mr. Albert Bunney, of Burney, Lancs., who can knit a pair of socks a day, and is well on the way to finishing his 200th pair for the local Mayor's Fund.

Mr. Bunney, now fifty-eight, was taught knitting at the age of eleven by his three sisters to keep him out of mischief.

His treatment as a prisoner of war in Germany during the last war so affected his health that he was only able to do occasional jobs.

"I make all the jerseys, gloves and caps required by my wife and two daughters," he told the "Daily Mirror." "I use small needles,"

These vessels can be assembled at yards from material constructed elsewhere.

The construction of fabricated ships, which was adopted as an expedient in the last war to replace heavy losses, has received the approval of the Admiralty.

Several steel constructional firms, many of them bridge builders, are taking part in the scheme. Old shipyards that have been closed for years are being equipped as assembly establishments. The ships will be of standardised design.

Steel firms have already received large contracts for sections, which will be assembled in the yards.

Efforts are being made to perfect a type of ship which will allow construction in large numbers and in the shortest possible time.

Shipments have already been made to Great Britain from abroad of "ships in sections."

Vessels have arrived in Britain recently with cargoes entirely composed of such sections, which can, on delivery at a shipyard, be rapidly assembled.

This represents another way in which more ships are being added to our merchant fleet over and above construction at home and in the Dominion yards, the recent placing of orders for 60 ships in the U.S.A. and the purchase from the U.S.A. of old cargo steamers.

"Ships in sections" is a further advance on fabrication.

The "straight-framed" or rather, fabricated, ship was introduced during the last war in order that the production of shipping should be accelerated, and so that a large number of firms engaged in constructional work not directly associated with shipbuilding should be brought into the service of the nation.

When the Admiralty announced several weeks ago that fabricated ships were to be built, it was revealed that steel works were ready to perform their part of the work.

I understand that shipbuilders are giving their utmost support to this move on the part of the authorities, which gives promise of greatly increasing the output of cargo ships.

A.R.P. TURNED DOWN OBJECTOR

When Wilfred Gibbons, carpenter, of Chatfield Road, Croydon, made his third appearance at the London Objectors' Tribunal, he said he had applied for A.R.P. work with Croydon Corporation and was told they did not employ conscientious objectors. He applied for land work, and was told that objectors were being dismissed. The case was again adjourned.

he said, "and I don't work jerkily or let go of the needles."

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Two sisters saved their home in a South Coast village with a stirrup pump they had bought less than twelve hours before a raider scattered fire bombs.

Visiting a neighbouring town, the sisters, named Davis, bought the pump at a fire station.

'UNCLE SAM A GOOD POSTMAN'

"Uncle Sam is a good postman—he will not have his mails robbed or delivered to the wrong address," said Lieut.-Commander R. Fletcher, M.P., referring to deliveries from U.S. under the Lease-and-Lend Bill.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, was speaking at Bristol.

"It has been a slowly growing perception that Hitler threatened the world that has brought America to our aid," he said. "And the American people have decided that it is vital to their self-interests to supply us with munitions, we can safely trust it to their logical minds to see that those munitions reach us."

Vital Atlantic

"Shipping and convoy are the major war problems of to-day. The North-Western approaches are the main battleground. Our plans on the Mediterranean swings will be of no avail if we lose them on the Atlantic roundabouts."

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, speaking at Exmouth said the next few months will see a great speed-up of the war. On sea, on land and in the air events will move at a quickening pace.

The Armed Forces and the Civil Defence services, the Merchant Navy and hospital, medical and nursing services, and the whole population would have fresh claims made upon their courage, endurance and skill.

No Fifth Column

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, said at Tunbridge Wells: "There is no Fifth Column in this country and Hitler knows that if he comes here he will be met by a united people, and he will get an extremely warm reception."

After stressing the importance of the food services, he concluded: "I think our success will depend on the ability of the people to take responsibility without waiting for orders."

STEADY MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday but generally steady, business being largely confined to selective investment buying of industrials, which occasionally were higher. Gilt-edged and home rails moved narrowly, only were dull, apart from some enquiry for Mexican Eagles, and Kaffirs closed steady at slightly lower levels. Among foreign issues Japanese and Egyptian bonds eased slightly. Wall Street was dull. —Reuter.



A fine view of the Dunthwaite estate near Cokermouth, left to the National Trust by the Rev. Daniel Harrison, who died last September. There are 427 acres including the house at Dunthwaite (1785), Shepherdfield Cottage (1739), and Kirkhouse Farm. The estate, which is two miles from the foot of Basenthwaite Lake, is bounded for over a mile by the River Derwent, which lies at the foot of the hill from which the picture was taken. Mr. Harrison was the last representative of a family which had lived there since 1696, and the National Trust has undertaken to preserve the estate as he wished.

WHAT FRENCH REFUGEES THINK ABOUT IT ALL

THE LOT OF THE French refugees is a bitter one. They were compelled to fly from their country after the last sensational collapse in history. They are bewildered still, hardly able to believe their senses, with behind them tradition of centuries trampled underfoot in a few days.

To begin to realise their feelings the Britisher should try to imagine himself landing in America, after losing everything, with his country conquered by an enemy.

After the first gasping for breath, French writers have come forth eagerly, but many of their compatriots here think too hastily with books to tell us why and how the collapse happened. Each book is marked by characteristic French logic, but the well-worked out conclusions are not the same. One famous writer, hitherto a great admirer of England, who founded his reputation and fortune on books about English character and persons famous in British history, has surprised his friends both British and French by

his attitude, ungenerously trying to shift blame to British shoulders and expressing views that have been all too familiar coming from the enemy camp. Another writer paints a picture of disaster made possible by the machinations of certain wealthy people who, he would have us believe, preferred to see their land in the hands of an enemy rather than run the risk of losing their money, though the risk were surely greater in the case of conquest by the enemy. It surely does not follow, as many Frenchmen now in England point out, that an admirer of totalitarian methods is ready to hand over his country to a foreigner. Jones, a small trader, may admire the methods of Brown, the big trader, and think his business might more surely prosper through methods similar to those employed by Brown; but that does not mean he would like to see his business gobbled up by Brown. By similar logic the totalitarian movement could be proved to be nothing more than a dastardly plot to ruin the brewer and the publican and deprive potmen and barmaids of their jobs.

The truth lies nearer the fact that in a ghastly melee the French were knocked out by surprise methods of the use of the tank—methods which caught us by surprise, the inventors of the tank—to say nothing of the withdrawal of the whole Belgian army. Under this avalanche decisions had to be taken by men in power while German planes were overhead and German bombs falling round the council-chamber.

Frenchmen in exile feel to-day that both Vichy and Paris are puppets of the Germans. They are the right hand and left hand controlled both by the German victor's mind. Paris, the right hand, more rapid and responsive to the victor's will than Vichy the left hand.

Vichy is not free, says the French exile, and therefore does not represent France, Paris is entirely under German control and nothing that comes out of Paris is anything but German. Stories of possible sympathy for "col-

SAFE IF YOU ARE UNCONSCIOUS

You can't have a summons served on you if you are unconscious. That may not be much consolation—you might even prefer a summons to being knocked unconscious—but it is a fact.

This was made clear at Chertsey Sessions, when a charge of driving without due care and attention was dismissed.

The prosecution was a sequel to a fatal car crash in which the defendant, driver of one of the cars involved, was injured.

Not "Delivered"

Police tried to serve a summons on him while he was in hospital. As he was unconscious, the summons was left with a staff nurse to pass on to him.

The Bench ruled that a summons must be served either personally or by registered post, that in this case it had not been, and dismissed the case.

It is doubtful whether those people whose friends say they are unconscious all the time could escape summons-servings on these grounds.

laboration" with Germany are unreliable to the extreme. For more than a century the French have detested the Germans. Suffice it to say that the French have an everyday expression in their language by which they qualify a quarrel sought without justification, "une querelle d'Allemand"—a German quarrel.

The French exile looks upon the present as but a passing phase, feeling sure that the traditions of liberty, the right of every man to a voice in the destiny of his country cannot pass away. Every letter that is smuggled out of France, every refugee who escapes bring the same tale of hate for the Germans.

What the exile thinks about the servile press of France is that 90 per cent. of those who turn out German-inspired "copy" do not believe a word of what they are writing, and signs are not lacking of deliberate exaggeration of the German point of view to a point where it draws ridicule on the German masters. It is the work of journalists actuated by fear for their own safety and the safety of those dependent upon them.

The exiles are convinced of one thing, that Great Britain will be victorious. Until that end is reached, in which so many Frenchmen are bearing an honourable part in Africa and elsewhere, they ask that indulgence be shown in any judgment of their country in their hour of bitter trial.

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GOOD SUPPORT FOR THE WATER-POLO TOURNEYS

By "Squaddy"

FOLLOWING TEAMS have entered for the Small Units Water Polo competition, and this year the large number of teams should make this competition very interesting.

27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (1); 27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (2); 12th Coast Bty., R.A.; H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt.; A Coy., Middlesex Regt.; 30th Coast Bty., R.A.; 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.; H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots; C Coy., Royal Scots; B Coy., Middlesex Regt.; D Coy., Royal Scots; 36th Coast Bty., R.A.; 965th Bty., R.A.; 24th Coast Bty., R.A.; D Coy., Middlesex Regt.; C Coy., Middlesex Regt.; H.K. Signal Coy.; B Coy., Royal Scots and A Coy., Royal Scots.

Following is the draw for this competition, first round must be completed before June 7, and second round by June 28

FIRST ROUND

24th Coast Bty., R.A. v D Coy., Middlesex Regt.
C Coy., Middlesex Regt. v H.K. Signal Coy.
B Coy., Royal Scots v A Coy., Royal Scots

SECOND ROUND

27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (2) v 12th Coast Bty., R.A.
H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt. v A Coy., Middlesex Regt.
30th Coast Bty., R.A. v 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.
H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots v 27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (1).
C Coy., Royal Scots v B Coy., Middlesex Regt.
D Coy., Royal Scots v 36th Coast Bty., R.A.
965th Coast Defence Bty. v either 24th Coast Bty., R.A. or D Coy., Middlesex Regt.

Winners of C Coy., Middlesex Regt. and H.K. Signal Coy. v Winners of B Coy., Royal Scots and A Coy., Royal Scots

Seven teams have entered for the Large Units competition, these being the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.; 5th Coast Regt., R.A.; 12th Coast Regt., R.A.; H.K. Signal Coy.; Royal Scots, Middlesex Regt. and Combined Small Units.

This year H.K. Signal Coy. are entering a team of their own for this competition. Combined Small Units team will not be allowed to play any of their team in this competition.

The draw is as follows:

FIRST ROUND

8th Coast Regt., R.A. v 2nd Royal Scots.
H.K. Signal Coy. v 12th Coast Regt., R.A.
Middlesex Regt. v Combined Small Units.

Semi-Final

5th A.A. Regt., R.A. v winners of first named match.
Winners of H.K. Signal Coy. and 12th Coast Regt., R.A. v winners of Middlesex Regt. and Combined Small Units.

The first round to be played off before August 2, Semi-Final before August 9.

The rules for these competitions will be as laid down in the Hong Kong Area Sports Board Handbook, and the "No Ducking" rule will be adhered to throughout the competition.

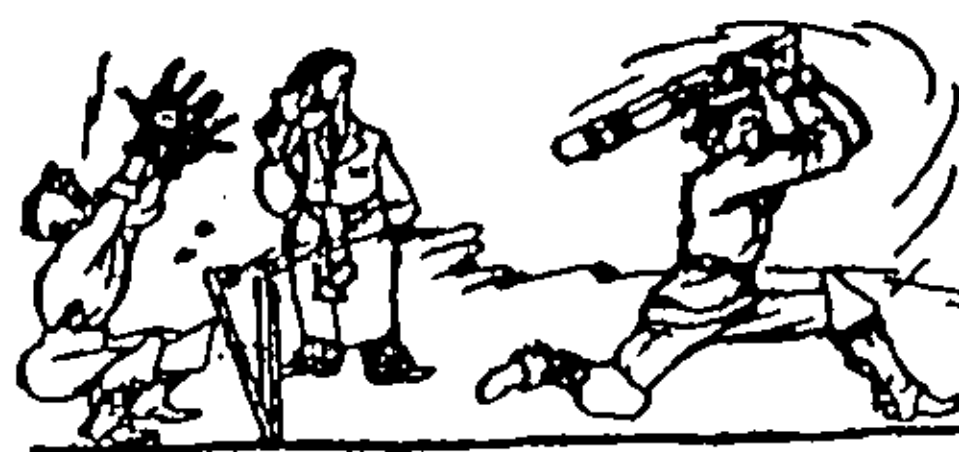
Extra Time

In the event of a draw, one period of three minutes each way will be played with one minute for half time.

In the event of the score still being equal a replay of the match will take place.

The following is the list of recognised referees.

Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots), Pte Davidson (Royal Scots), PSM Ure (Middlesex), L/Cpl Bindon (Middlesex), Sgt Baker (Middlesex), Idms. Hymas (Middlesex), Pte Jennings (Middlesex), Cpl Bedford (Signals), L/Cpl Dignan (Signals), Sig McCann (Signals), Sig Willis (Signals), Sgt McLaren (Signals) and Cpl Nicol (R.A.M.C.).



CRICKETERS' FORM AIR SQUADRON

Cricketers in India, where Maharashtra have retained the Inter-Provincial championship by beating Madras, are, through the Indian States Sports Federation, establishing a Ranji Air Squadron in memory of the late Ranjitsinhi, India's famous cricketer.

The present Maharajah, Jam Sahab of Nawanagar, Ranji's successor, is patron of the fund which he has started with a gift of £10,000 and Prince Dulcesinhi, his brother, is Treasurer. — Reuter.



I.R.C.'S BIG VICTORY

In the only First Division League tennis match played yesterday, Indian R.C. beat the H.K.C.C. by nine sets to nil.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) beat Shields Goodman and M. Pagh 6-2
beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-3
beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-3
A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu (I.R.C.) lost to Goodman and Pagh 2-6
beat Oxlade and Barwell 6-2
beat Monaghan and Gould 6-2
Gould 6-1
I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.) lost to Goodman and Pagh 0-6
lost to Oxlade and Barwell 2-6
beat Monaghan and Gould 7-5

Two matches in the "A" Division of the Army League were decided at Sookunpo yesterday, when F. A. Staff defeated Royal Army Ordnance Corps by two points to one, while Royal Army Medical Corps received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals.

S/Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) lost to W. A. Reed and F. A. Husain, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6.

Sgt. Boocock and Gardner (R.A.O.C.) beat A. W. Galpin and G. Navey, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Wardle and Stoner (R.A.O.C.) lost to H. W. Powne and G. B. Gurevitch, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6.

Owing to volunteer duties, the Kowloon C.C. Recreation match was postponed, while that between South China and Chinese R.C. was also not played.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

There will be only two matches in the Second Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, when Civil Service Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association will meet Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Cricket Club respectively.

The match between South China and Chinese Recreation Club has been postponed, owing to the unfitness of ground of the home team.

Following are some of the teams for to-day's matches.

C.S.C.C.—I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendall; B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; M. Yatskin and C. Sloan.
K.C.C.—A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; F. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge; N. A. E. Mackay and F. J. Kengelbacker.

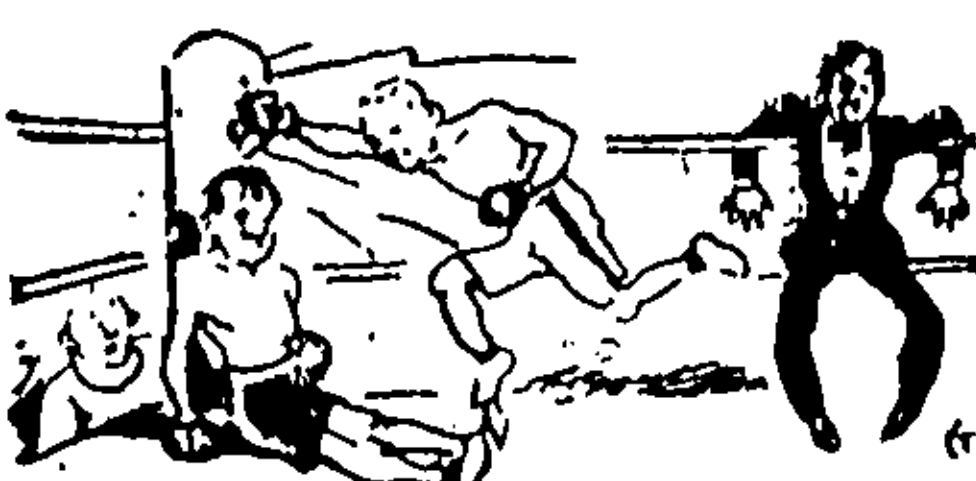
A. J. OSMUND BEATEN

A billiards and snooker match took place yesterday at Tsing-shan when the Water Police Station entertained Recreio and won 703-609.

A. J. Osmund, former Colony billiards champion, playing for the Portuguese, lost to C. Pile by nine.

After the match, Mr. D. Terren gave an exhibition of snooker.

Billiards—C. Pile beat A. J. Osmund 150-141; H. Matches lost to P. A. Yvanovich 141-150.
Snooker—J. Campbell beat C. Roza Pereira 97-60; W. Morris lost to E. M. Soares 79-118; L. Haynes beat C. Cunha 109-90; S. Bradwell beat J. C. Remedios 118-70.



COMING BRITISH BOXERS

Now seems to me an appropriate moment for assessing the prospects of some of our young boxers, writes Jimmy Wilde, ex-Flyweight Champion of the World.

Youngsters strongly fancied to win British titles are Harry Lazar, welter-weight; Harry Groves, lightweight; and Jimmy Lyden, the new bantam-weight star from Bootle.

Lazar tells me he doesn't think he will remain in the light-weight class much longer. He met Frankie Jackson, a Wembley kennel boy, at the Cambridge Theatre, W., recently.

Tom Reddington v Geo. Markwick, Johnny Ward v Billy Charlton, and Dave McCleave v Jim Laverick were other fights in that programme.

Curiously, both Lazar and Lyden have suffered but one reverse, Lazar was disqualified in the first round at Hackney, when opposing Frankie Jackson, and Lyden was ruled out in similar circumstances at Liverpool.

The Bootle lad has won 25 out of 26 contests.

Not so long ago Lyden out-pointed Peter Kane, thus bringing his name bang into the news.

Lyden's father used to fight at the old Liverpool Stadium when Major Wilson was in charge.

Lazar is 18, and I feel confident he will be difficult to beat when he has matured.

Groves is skilful in defence, and since he entered the professional ranks has an unblemished record. He seems destined to win a title.

ALWAYS KEPT FIT

One of the most finished ring artists was Jack Hood, of Birmingham, who held the British welter-weight title for eight years, and relinquished the honour in 1934, when he retired from the ring.

Hood's three fights with Len Harvey for the latter's British middle-weight championship were duels of strategy.

The first, in October, 1929, Harvey won on points over 15 rounds.

Hood was dissatisfied, and two months later he met Harvey in a return. This took place at Olympia, and the referee decided upon a draw, which was a fair reflex of the fight. In June, 1931, they met at the Albert Hall, and Harvey rightly received a points verdict.

Jeff Dickson, American promoter, owed a great deal to Hood, because the Birmingham boxer was Dickson's dependable "stand-by."

On one occasion Dickson was in a dilemma. He had matched Harvey with Vince Dundee, whom Dickson had brought from America, and the fight was booked to take place at the White City.

As Dundee had obtained two decisions over Harvey in New York, there was exceptional interest in the match, it being thought that Len would be able to obtain his revenge. Three days before the date of the fight, however, Harvey was taken ill and compelled to cancel his appearance.

Dickson pondered. "It's O.K.," he said, smilingly. "Jack Hood will fill the breach."

Jack had done no training for many months. Wisely he refused to do a day's gymnasium work, saying that it would stiffen his muscles. He was right. And what a grand battle he put up to share honours with Dundee at the finish!

Nursing his strength, he made Dundee carry the fight to him. Then, standing upright, Hood made his opponent miss again, and again. When he had Dundee tired, Hood joined in fighting.

Hood also acted as deputy for Harvey against another clever American, Dave Shade, and held him to a draw. A return ended similarly. These two fights took place at the Albert Hall.

CHESS

BIRIUKOFF IN STRONG POSITION

The Colony Junior Chess Championship came very near to a standstill last week, three games being completed and 20 left unfinished or to be played as the tournament chart pointed to the fact that the Tournament should have officially closed on Thursday.

Biriukoff remains in what appears to be an unassailable lead and holds a better position than To Yu-lau, his nearest challenger, in their adjourned game. Danenberg challenges for second place should To lose the game.

Results last week were: R. C. Danenberg beat V. V. Kolachoff, Un Kwei-yung beat Wm. Lee and J. Grefalda beat J. H. d'Almeida.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Un Kwei-yung	12	8	1	3	21½
A. V. Biriukoff	9	7	1	1	17½
A. Kurrik	12	7	3	3	17½
R. C. Danenberg	10	6	2	2	17
J. Grefalda	11	5	2	4	16
To Yu-lau	7	4	2	1	15
J. Tausz	9	5	0	4	15
V. V. Kolachoff	10	3	2	5	14
E. M. Petrov	9	3	1	5	13½
Wm. Lee	11	3	0	8	13
R. C. Gardner	7	2	1	4	12½
A. Morton	6	1	1	4	11½
J. H. d'Almeida	11	1	0	10	1

HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week:

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

War Cup Final Replay
Preston v Arsenal
London Cup Semi-Finals
Reading v Crystal Palace
Tottenham v Brentford

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v Portsmouth
Millwall v Fulham
Cardiff v Wolves
Leicester v Northampton
Queen's Park v West Ham
Walsall v West Bromwich

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH CHALLENGE MATCH

Brighton v Watford

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v Chester
Bolton v Oldham
Bury v Manchester City
Liverpool v Everton

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL

Rangers v Patrick

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE Monday Cup

Aldershot v Brentford
Crystal v Reading
Queen's Park v Fulham
Leicester v Notts F.
Portsmouth v Southampton

HAMPSHIRE CUP FINAL

West Ham v Millwall

NORTH REGIONAL

Everton v Liverpool
Blackpool v Preston North End

—Reuter.

FORMOSA-P.I. SWIMMING OFF

The annual Philippines-Formosa swimming meet, which was scheduled to be held in Formosa this year, was formally called off last week by the Formosan Athletic Association because no definite answer was received to the invitation which was extended to the Philippines in December 23, 1940.

The Association announced that preparations had been going on despite Philippine silence but the proximity of the opening date caused cancellation.

The meet had been held six times in the past. — Dornel.

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A GOLF IDOL WHO INSPIRED HIS COUNTRYMEN

IN 1926 JOSE JURADO made his first appearance before the British golfing public, and this colourful personality was soon a favourite with the gallery," writes Henry Cotton, Winner of Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937.

Argentine owes a lot to this former Buenos Aires caddy, for through his courage and skill his keen sporting country took a leading place in the golf world. In fact, to day their professional team would easily rank third in international golf.



HOGAN COMPARED TO JONES

Horton Smith believes Ben Hogan's golfing performance for the last two years has been as phenomenal—in a different way—as Bobby Jones' record when the Atlantan was monopolising championships.

"That isn't taking anything away from Jones," smiled the handsome Smith as he relaxed after the rigorous international four-ball tournament.

Different Light

"I don't believe Jones' achievements will be equalled in our lifetime, but you must analyse him and Hogan in an entirely different light.

"Jones concentrated on major tournaments and won them. Hogan and many of the other professionals, however, are striving for consistent low scores week by week the year round.

"It has almost reached the point where victories are incidental. Naturally, Hogan and every other golfer want to win, but he would prefer to finish near the top in tournament after tournament than to win the national open and make a poor showing the rest of the year.

"At the moment Ben is recognised as golf's top player. Until he and Gene Sarazan won the fourball, Hogan hadn't finished first in a 1941 tournament. Yet he was the top money winner and had the best average score during 1940 and is leading in both departments again this year.

Achieving Goal

"He is achieving his goal, and it is a remarkable thing when you consider the great calibre and quantity of his competition."

Smith, a keen student of golf, turned to an analysis of his own game. In his four-ball semi-final match, Horton went into an amazing putting streak during which he scored birdies on seven out of 10 holes over the difficult Miami Biltmore course.

"The touch came to me suddenly," said Smith. "I had been playing worse this season than in years, chiefly because poor putting had undermined my confidence.

"Even if it meant the loss of tournaments, I would much rather play consistently well than to have one of these occasional brilliant streaks."

FAMOUS GOLFING BROTHERS

(By HENRY COTTON, Winner of Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937)

Youngest of three famous golfing brothers, Reginald Arthur Whitcombe owes much to the example and encouragement of Ernest and Charles; but the fact that all of them were so good stood repeatedly in the path of Reginald's chances of becoming a regular Ryder Cup player.

The three brothers for a long time were good enough to be in the first eight players in Great Britain.

For a number of years these modest brothers won golf's biggest professional prizes, and beat consistently players whose names were household words, without quite winning the mantle of champion for themselves.

Then, in 1938, Reg won the Open Championship—and at last a Whitcombe had put this famous golfing name on the cup.

When the selectors met to pick our international team Reg. was the unlucky Whitcombe. For a long time he was regarded as a brilliant golfer, liable to do a 64 or a 66, but not good enough to win. In fact, it almost grew up with him that he was the third Whitcombe.

Since his win in the Open at St. George's, he established himself as Whitcombe No. 1, although it can be claimed that his brothers, at 50 and 45 years of age respectively, may be losing their competition keenness.

Reg. is a big, hefty fellow and he hits the ball a long way.

All Or Nothing

In 1933 I asked Reg. to be my partner when the "News of the World" accepted a challenge from the backers of the two South Africans, Sid Brown and Bobby Locke, to play a 72-hole for £500 a side. It was all or nothing. If we lost we got nothing and had to pay our own expenses.

The match at Walton Heath was played at a snail's pace, each of the four rounds taking nearly four hours.

After I had asked Reg. to play, and he had accepted, he won the championship, which gave the match added interest. He had been playing well, but somehow we were both below our form in the big match, and only our experience enabled us to combine well enough to keep our opponents within range.

I thought the slow pace was annoying Reg. but when we came to the last nine holes and the strain was telling he began to hit the ball better, and we won on the post by 2 and 1.

I shall always remember the way he backed up my effort in those last nine holes, and he contributed largely to our final success on the "run in."

Reg. uses the same type of grip on the club as his two brothers, and addresses the ball in a confident, definite manner. His last touchdown of the club-head behind the ball gives me the impression that he knows exactly what he is going to do when the moment comes to make the shot.

His putting is sound and, like most first-class players, it can be brilliant at times. I like his spoon shots best, but he is a good player from the tee and claims the mashie as his favourite club.

CRICKET DAY

They laid out a cricket pitch on the Trinity College football field at Harstford Conn. on May 24 so that all the British boys living in New England could celebrate Empire Day in a fitting manner.

A typically English pavilion was erected near by so that non-cricketers could sip tea while watching the match between the refugee youths and a team of Americans familiar with the game.

ASSOCIATION THAT HELPED NOW UNABLE TO CONTINUE

THE FUTURE of American national amateur tennis well might hang in the balance.

In the past, California racket representatives have been fortunate enough to make remarkable showings in national competition. Among these are Ellsworth Vines, Don Budge, Johnny Doeg, national singles champs; Gene Mako, Ted Schroeder, and Jack Kramer, national doubles champions.

These and other victories were made possible largely through the financial aid of the Southern California Tennis Association, which sent outstanding local players to the East to participate in large tournaments.

Gerald C. Young, president of the association, announced recently that because of "substantially reduced revenue," this activity would have to be dropped.

Drop In Profits

This association, an outgrowth of the Pacific Southwest championship tournament, is sponsored by a group of philanthropic sportsmen who have the good of the sport alone in mind. Although these men undoubtedly contribute generously from their own pockets, much of its money is derived from gate receipts at these tournaments. Recently, perhaps because of the absence of European headliners, the tournament has not drawn as well, therefore the drop in profits.

It is lamentable that the action of the Association was found necessary. It is lamentable both for Southern California tennis players who may not get the chance to compete in national tournaments and it is lamentable for the game as a whole, which will not be able to benefit by Western players, who, like their predecessors, might be able to make the championship grade.

explained, played with a vast amount of skill. It was a real thriller.

Cardiff "schoolboys," as the crowd nicknamed them, took an early grip on the game, and held on to their advantage with grim determination, which won for them the admiration of spectators.

Moore, in obtaining two goals for Cardiff, brought his total for the season to 32, and "Jackie" Burns scored a real beauty.

(By ALEX JAMES, Former Scotland and Arsenal Star)

Spurs 3, Cardiff City 3

Cardiff City came to town in the war-time Cup to give 'Spurs one of the shocks of the competition. Until late in the game Cardiff held a three-goal lead, and deserved it.

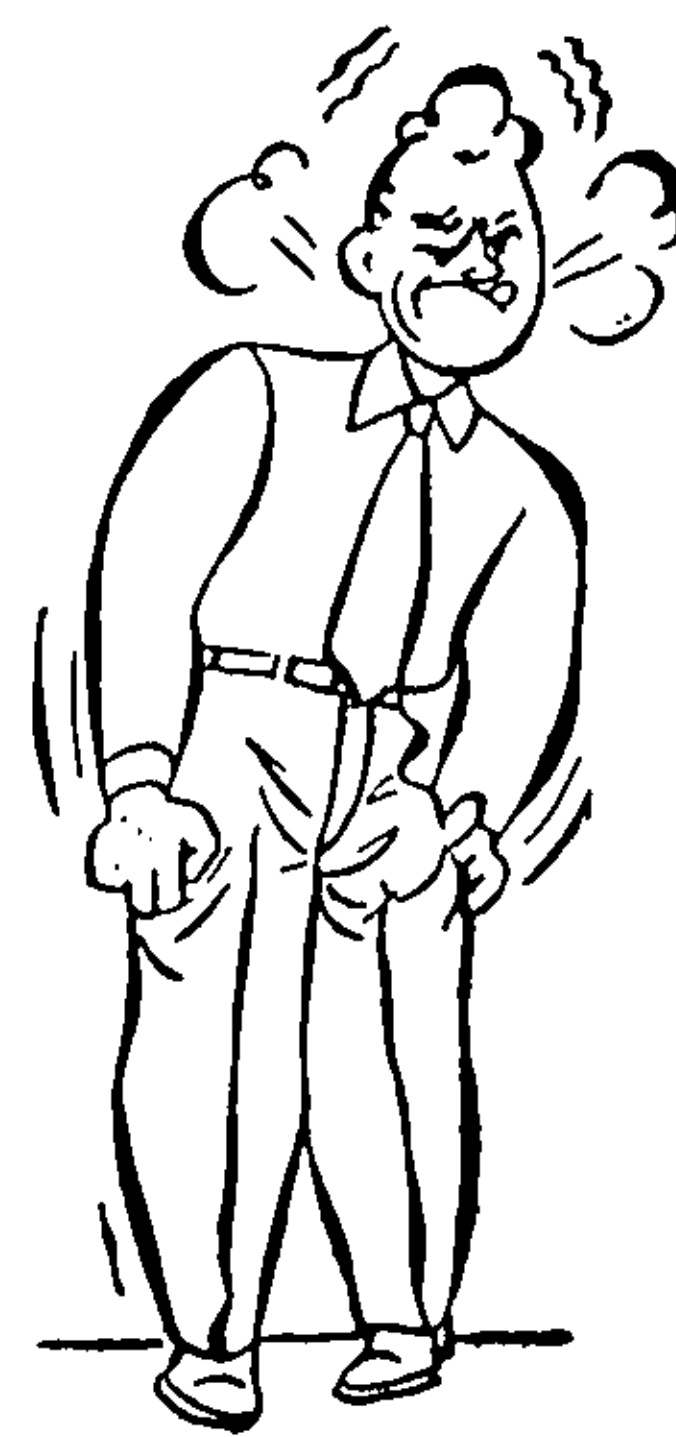
Experience told in the long run, however, and a great second-half rally gained 'Spurs three goals to bring the scores level. But it was not until Burgess went outside left and Willie Hall inside-right that 'Spurs showed any penetration, although previously Gibbons had not had the best of luck with some splendid efforts.

I. Broadis, with a hat-trick, saved 'Spurs.

I had heard a lot in my travels about the play of Cardiff, but frankly I was amazed at their skill and dash, especially in defence. The Welshmen played "first-time" football, and as a result they threw 'Spurs out of gear.

This youthful Cardiff side—nine of them are under 20—more than upheld the great traditions of the club. The other two players supplied the necessary balance, and when I mention that one of them was "Jackie" Burns, the old Brentford favourite, at right-half, London fans will readily realise what I mean. Granville, at right-back, was the other stalwart.

It was typical cup-tie football, strenuous and fast, and, as I have



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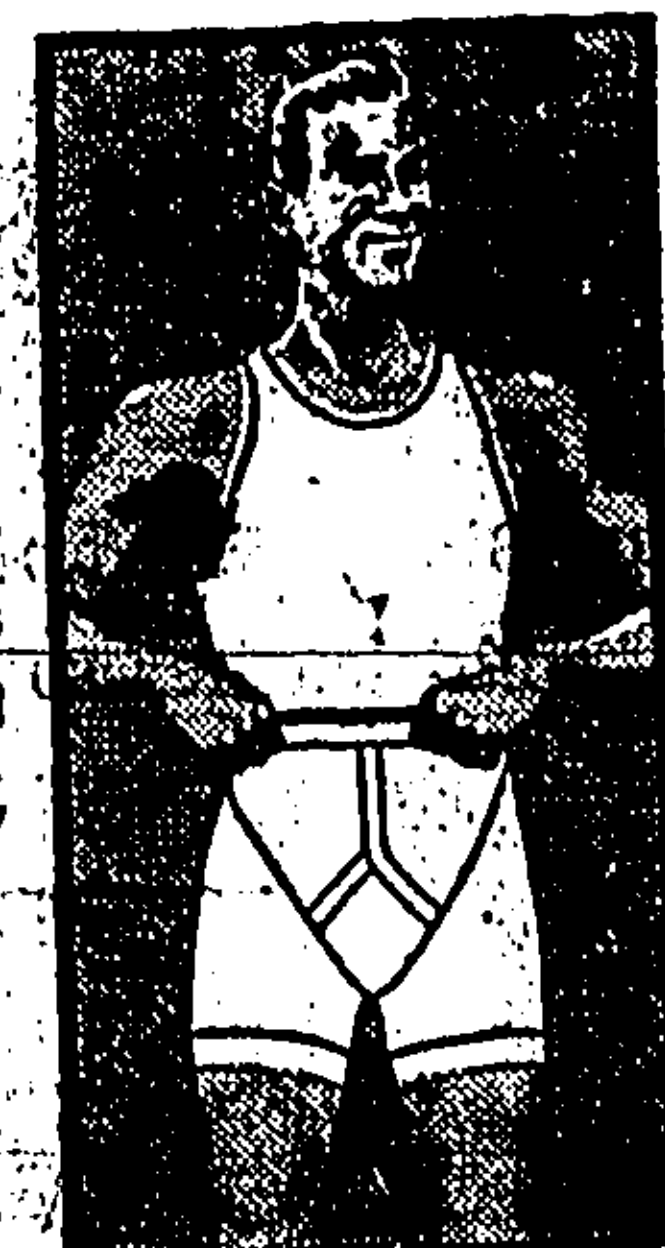
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DOZENS OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

R.A.F. Intervention In The Crete Fighting Havoc Among The Troop Carriers

BAER'S TITLE CLAIM

The District of Columbia Boxing Commission, after hearing the complaint of Ancil Hoffman, Buddy Baer's manager, that Baer was "robbed" of the title match with Joe Louis, announced yesterday that the Commission's decision would be delivered at an early date.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Claude Owen, who said Louis "very definitely" hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round, said Mike Jacobs, Louis' manager, had agreed to match Louis and Baer again for the title in Washington in September or October.

Mr. Owen expressed the belief that the National Boxing Association would recognize Baer as the title holder if the Commission ruled he won on a foul, but indicated the Commission's hands were tied because local regulations specified the referee's

RENEWED INTERVENTION BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT IN THE CRETE FIGHTING WAS REVEALED IN YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO.

The communique says that heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out on Sunday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained.

At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others badly damaged. The aerodrome at Malemi and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop carriers, were the principal targets.

BOMBS FELL AMONG LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF JU 52 TROOP CARRIERS, CAUSING GREAT DESTRUCTION AND DAMAGE.

One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing.

Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay.

Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft.

decision was unrevocable. —Reuter.

Iraq Activity

The communique also reports activity in Iraq.

A large number of sorties, it says, was made on Sunday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started.

The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft, which were machine-gunned on the ground, were severely damaged.

At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire.

Enemy aircraft attacked the R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah but there were no Service casualties.

South African aircraft attacked enemy defences and motor transport in the neighbourhood of the Omo River.

Direct Hits

Direct hits were obtained on bridges and ferries and a number of transport vehicles were destroyed.

Enemy planes made a machine-gun attack on Ta Kali aerodrome, in Malta, on Sunday, several enemy planes being damaged.

From the above successful operations, all British aircraft returned safely. —Reuter.

FRENCH CONSULATES CLOSED DOWN

French consular officers in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28, Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London.

The action is understood to have been taken by the British authorities in consequence of the French action requiring British consular officers in Syria to leave their posts on or before the same date.

A Jewish telegraph agency message from Jerusalem states all French consulates in Palestine were closed down on Sunday on instructions from the Vichy Government, and the French consul-general will be leaving the country to-morrow.

It has not yet been settled who will in future represent French interests in Palestine. —Reuter.

SIR DELVES BROUGHT TO TRIAL

THE TRIAL OF SIR DELVES BROUGHTON ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING LORD ERROL OPENED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF KENYA.

Lord Errol was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24.

Towards the end of yesterday's hearing a police witness said he had found Fascist literature in Lord Errol's house and a card, dated 1934, showing membership of the British Union of Fascists. —Reuter.



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LIFE IN BESIEGED TOBRUK

While the Western Desert is fairly quiet an interesting picture of life in Tobruk was given in Cairo yesterday by an eye-witness recently returned.

Despite frequent bombings there are still a great many livable buildings in Tobruk, where only troops and no civilians are to be seen.

There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming. Most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself, where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch-time and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but have been little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work."—Reuter.

British Squadron Still In Contact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, SEEKING VENGEANCE FOR THE SINKING OF H.M.S. HOOD, IS HOT IN PURSUIT AFTER THE FLEEING GERMAN SQUADRON AFTER THE 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP BISMARCK HAD BEEN HIT AND PARTIALLY CRIPPLED BY A BRITISH AERIAL TORPEDO.

As the war's greatest sea battle raged through the second night, the British Fleet, aided by catapulted Navy bombers flying ahead and harassing and slowing down the fleeing German ships, pressed the chase at maximum speed in a dramatic effort to get the enemy squadron close enough for a decisive battle.

The German fleet, led by the damaged Bismarck, eluded an immediate pitched battle with the British squadron because the weather turned favourable to the Nazis after the Hood was destroyed, enabling the German ships to escape under a quick setting

mist. — International News Service.

Hot Pursuit

THE BATTLESHIP BISMARCK, PRIDE OF THE GERMAN NAVY, HAS BEEN STRUCK BY A TORPEDO OF THE BRITISH FLEET AIR ARM AND THE ROYAL NAVY'S MIGHT IS HOT IN PURSUIT OF THE DAMAGED WARSHIP.

This announcement was made in a special Admiralty communique last night.

Thus, 72 hours after British and Nazi naval forces met off Greenland early on Saturday morning, the British Navy has maintained contact with the enemy in a pursuit which must have ranged over hundreds of miles. — Reuter.

INSURANCE FOR PEACE IN PACIFIC

The High Command of the British and Imperial Forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview in Singapore yesterday.

The G.O.C. disclosed that a chain of garrisons stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that aerodromes, which extended to the frontiers of China, must be protected by land forces.

The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes had proved a wise one. This further increased many fold the difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved. — Reuter.

COLLAPSE OF IRAQ REVOLT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The imminent collapse of Iraqi resistance is forecast after the self-appointed Premier, Raschid Ali, and his Cabinet, were reported to be fleeing or preparing to flee in the face of British military advances and internal unrest.

The strong concentration of Raschid Ali's troops menacing Iraq's British-occupied Persian Gulf port of Basra was broken up in a surprise attack by British Imperial troops supported by the guns of British warships in the Gulf and strafing R.A.F. planes.

The defeated Iraqis had massed six miles up the Tigris from Basra in a movement to wrest the country's only seaport from the British.

The situation in Basra is quiet. — International News Service.

LONDON'S WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Total amount raised during London's War Weapons Week was officially announced yesterday as £120,410,000 which is an average per head of population of £21. — Reuter.

TIDE OF BATTLE "SWAYS" IN CRETE

"THE CRETE SITUATION is much the same, with very severe fighting in the Malemi area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours. It is very difficult to see how it is developing.

It is difficult, too, to say how the landings compare with the previous two days but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses in aircraft while others will soon need overhauling.

"The tide of battle still sways to and fro in the area between Canea and Malemi and around Malemi."

In these words, well-informed military circles in Cairo last night summed up the latest position in Crete.

Meanwhile a steady round-up of prisoners continues in southern Abyssinia where it looks as if the Japanese concentration is in for an unpleasant time.

Bad Weather

The weather is very bad, with heavy rains. Traffic is held up on three-quarters of the roads, which were not built for rains.

There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manoeuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight, since the original forces of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago have been readily melting through desertions and surrenders. — Reuter.

MR. RONALD CROSS'S NEW POST

MR. S. M. BRUCE, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY, WELCOMED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RONALD CROSS AS UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Bruce referred to the close and successful cooperation now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments. Mr. Ronald Cross paid a tribute to the fighting qualities of the Australians. — Reuter.

BOMBS DROPPED ON EAST COAST

There was some slight activity by enemy aircraft yesterday in the coastal areas, states an Air Ministry communique. Bombs were dropped in a town on the East Coast in the afternoon and caused some damage and a small number of casualties. — Reuter.

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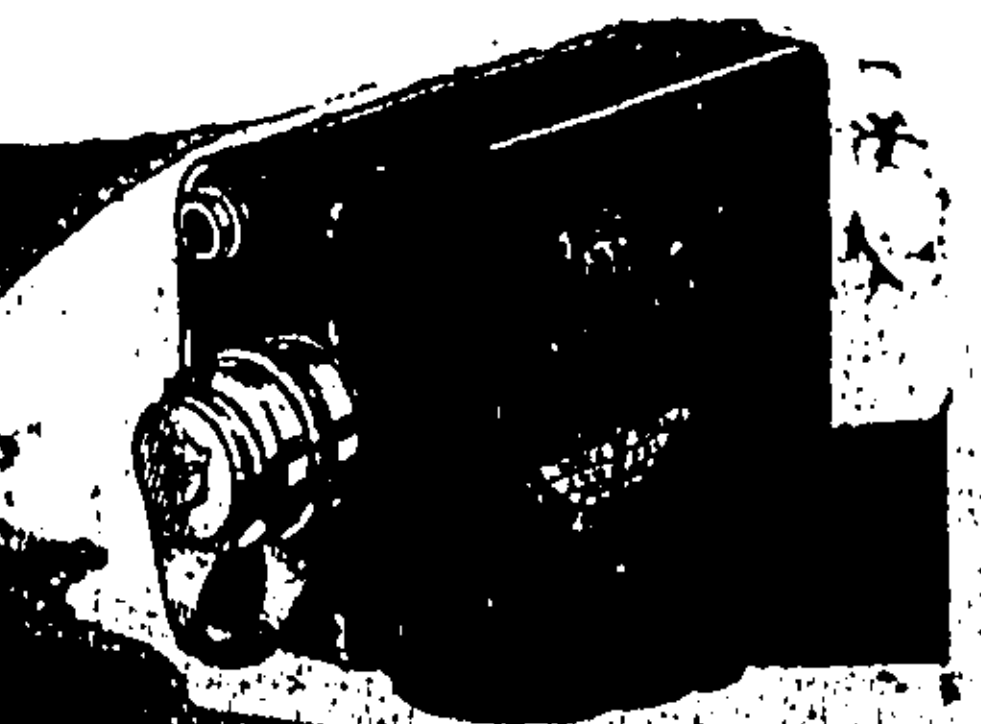
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EIRE RAISES PROTEST AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

Mr. De Valera Revives Canker Of Partition

Cosgrave Sounds A Warning

MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, EIRE PRIME MINISTER, REVIVED THE ISSUE OF PARTITION IN A SPEECH IN THE DAIL IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE SAID: "SOME THREE YEARS AGO A SETTLEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN WAS MADE AND RATIFIED BY THAT NATION'S PARLIAMENT, WHICH REMOVED EVERY OTHER OUTSTANDING QUARREL AND LEFT ONLY PARTITION.

"I was confident that with the good relations which had been established that partition would also soon disappear. Unfortunately the war came and found us with the foundations of a lasting friendship still incomplete and with the grievance of partition rankling in every Irish heart."

Mr. de Valera said that the Six Northern Counties were part of Ireland and the inhabitants are Irishmen and nothing could alter that fact.

"No matter what political or economic changes may take place in the world, the people living in these two islands are destined to live as neighbours," he said.

Mr. de Valera continued: "We proclaimed our neutrality. It was a friendly neutrality. We refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile."

"WE PLEDGED OURSELVES THAT WE WOULD NOT PERMIT OUR TERRITORY TO BE USED AS A BASE FOR ENEMY ACTION AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN."

"And the forces that we have are our guarantee that we will keep that pledge."

"If the British Government goes ahead with conscription in the Six Counties, they will undo the work and goodwill of the past and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr. William Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said:—

"It is vital that at this time no question of a misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity which everyone in the House fervently hopes has been for ever ended."

Dangerous Situation

Mr. Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the State.

The unfavourable reactions of conscription were difficult to calculate but they undoubtedly would be great.

He was convinced that the result that might inevitably ensue in both parts of Ireland and else-

MR. MORGENTHAU OUT WITH ATLANTIC PATROL

One of President Roosevelt's four-man Cabinet Defence Committee, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of Treasury, is now at sea inspecting the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Patrol as the guest of Admiral King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, it was officially revealed in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

where would far outweigh any advantages to Great Britain.

"We should ask ourselves, however, whether we are taking the steps best calculated to ward off conscription from the North and to secure a future that would be tolerable either for those in the North or for us."

Labour Attitude

The Labour leader, Mr. Norton supported the protest against conscription.

Sir John Maffey, United Kingdom representative, was in the Distinguished Strangers Gallery, as was also Mr. E. J. Garland, Acting Canadian High Commissioner. — Reuter.



Good news for England's Postwomen is that they are now allowed to wear trousers instead of the officially issued blue skirt. Some still prefer skirts. In this picture, the two types of dress are contrasted.

AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE TO AXIS PACT

THE STOCKHOLM newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" referred yesterday to the Japanese military delegation's visit to Europe, wondering why this Axis trump-card against America is not receiving more prominence in the Axis press.

Since the Russo-Japanese Pact the only Japanese statement of importance which has been made was the Souka interview, which was absolutely orthodox.

The paper refers to the Tripartite Pact, which was intended to scare America from entering the war, pointing out America has not been scared.

There are many reasons for this—

First, international agreements to-day are worth less than ever before. They are instruments for influencing public opinion but not for directing govern-

ment action.

If Japan considers the situation suitable for an attack on America, an attack will be made quite apart from the Tripartite Pact.

French Pledge

The German-Italian military alliance has had a varied history as well as the Russo-German and the Anglo-Turkish Pacts, while France broke her pledge to Britain without discussion.

Thus America did not need to fear the Tripartite Pact. Furthermore, Japan has learnt to her sorrow that it is easier to start a war than to finish it.

China is not defeated after four years and the appointment of a Chinese Quelling government has been in vain. Japan's resources are strained to the utmost and an American blockade would place her in a desperate position.

American indifference to the Tripartite Pact is, therefore, comprehensible. — Reuter.

Joint Speeches Probable

Mr. J. M. Andrews, Northern Ireland Prime Minister, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of the conscription talks with Mr. Churchill and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by the British Prime Minister.

During the week-end there were numerous protest meetings in North Ireland and yesterday the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent a telegram to Labour members of the British Government.

THE TELEGRAM SAID THERE WAS GRAVE RESENTMENT AT THE THREAT TO IMPOSE CONSCRIPTION AND THAT BITTERNESS AND STRIFE WOULD ONLY RESULT.

They urged British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent "this act of aggression." — Reuter.

WAR CAN NEVER END, SAY DUTCH

(By a London Reporter)

"For us this war can never be finished. It must last as long as we live."

This startling statement was made to me by a blonde giant of a Dutch merchant skipper a day or so ago in a London club frequented by Free French sailors and seamen.

A murmur of approval and applause followed his words as he gazed with passionate pride on a score of his comrades, who took up the cry: "Death to the Germans—for ever!"

"You see," he explained to me in almost faultless English, "you in England do not know what bombing is. London, Bristol have their scars. We sympathise with you intensely, but you can hit back with a magnificent R.A.F. and your anti-aircraft guns. It is war."

His voice sank. "But Rotterdam was sold, cruel murder. There were no defences—nothing to stop the bombers as they came over, wave after wave."

Revenge Pledge

"They dropped their bombs and went back for more. It was a 'bus' service of death. A city of 400,000 prosperous people reduced to miles of blackened ruins, to great heaps of dead—30,000 of them—and many bodies will never be found. They will lie under the ruins for years."

"That is how I lost my mother and father and my sweetheart. Nearly all of us who escaped had the same experience."

His circle of listeners nodded in grim consent.

"We have sworn a solemn oath," he continued, "to kill every German we meet until the end of our lives. For us, the war can never finish."

"How many are in this pact?"

"I should say well over 1,000," he said. "In fact I have not met a single Dutch seafarer who has not either taken the oath, or who was not anxious to take it, as soon as he could get comrades as witnesses."

He stood up—5ft. 4in. of him, with flat like hams and mighty shoulders. I was glad he smiled and said: "But you are English. Come let's have a drink."

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ROOSEVELT SPEECH UNDERGOES REVISION

Dramatic War Developments Alter The Tenour

IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPIDLY CHANGING CONDITIONS ABROAD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REVISING THE SPEECH WHICH HE WILL DELIVER TO-DAY, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, AT THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr. Early warned reporters not to build it up as extremely important.

Yesterday, however, he said: "I can tell you the President will be engaged through the day into the night and most of to-morrow in revising his speech in the light of the rapidly changing conditions abroad."

"Don't ask me to go into details because I can't. You will get them when you get the speech."

When a reporter informed Mr. Early that the German Foreign Office was not commenting on Admiral Raeder's convoy interview, Mr. Early declared: "I have got the idea that Berlin to-day is trying to do anything it can to becloud the President's speech and to anticipate something for you gentlemen between noon and Tuesday night."

Mr. Early added he would not be surprised if reporters were querying him about other Berlin despatches before President Roosevelt talks. — Reuter.

Hood Sinking

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

International News says the President spent most of Sunday drafting his momentous fireside chat.

Speculation prevails that the President will vigorously challenge Berlin claims that the Hood sinking and the Crete operations "have won the war" for the Nazis, and high Government officials expect emphasis will be laid on the fact that as in the past the present war will not be won by any single battle.

CONGRESS LEADERS' OPINIONS CLASHED REGARDING THE EFFECT OF THE HOOD SINKING ON PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Some said it would spur agitation for U.S. entry into the war, others believed it would solidify sentiment against the use of the U.S. Navy to convoy munitions ships to Britain.

Powerful Link

Senator Joshua Lee said: "It means that Britain's lifeline is being strained. A powerful link in that chain has now gone."

"We should put our defence effort on a 24-hour basis. If we don't step up our help to Britain we will be fighting Hitler's forces alone some day."

Senator Clark, an opponent of U.S. entry as a "shooting partner," said he did not believe the Hood sinking would change the determination of the American people "to stay out of the war," and declared the anti-convoy forces were strengthened by the Hood sinking.

Anti-convoy circles said the Germans would certainly fire on U.S. warships if they convoy munitions ships and U.S. warships would certainly shoot back, thus beginning war. — International News Service.

Playwright's Aid

"President Roosevelt is devoting more time to preparation of

his fireside chat than any speech I can recall," his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told reporters.

Among those whom President Roosevelt has consulted on the drafting of the speech was Robert Sherwood, the playwright, who has assisted with other important pronouncements.

The address, which will be broadcast internationally, will be translated into probably at least six languages. — Reuter.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN N'F'LAND

Newfoundland, which begins a recruiting campaign on Monday next, has received the following message from Mr. Winston Churchill:

The "people of Newfoundland, with their long history of hardships surmounted and their proud attachment to the island on which their ancestors founded the oldest British overseas territories have already made a magnificent contribution in the war."

The task of overcoming oppression and the deadly threat to our civilisation calls for the utmost endeavour from us all and I am glad to learn that still greater efforts are being made in Newfoundland. I wish them every success.

"With this spirit we shall not fail to achieve the final victory of right and freedom on which our hearts are set." — British Wireless.

BRITONS DETAINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOUR BRITONS AND A RUSSIAN WERE DETAINED 24 HOURS BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN THE HUNG-JAO AREA OF SHANGHAI FOR USING A RADIO SET IN CHINA. A UNIVERSITY, LOCATED OFF THE SHANGHAI-HANG-CHOW RAILWAY TRACKS.

The party were picnicking in the University compound when a Japanese patrol heard the radio and took the party to Japanese military headquarters.

The party was released later and the radio returned. — International News Service.

N.Z. GUARD FOR KING OF GREECE

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND FORCES AND THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY GENERAL FREYBURG, NEW ZEALAND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN GREECE, FOR THE SAFE CONDUCT OF THE KING'S PARTY DURING THE DEPARTURE FROM GREECE, IS CONVEYED IN A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE KING OF THE HELLENES TO MR. PETER FRASER, NEW ZEALAND PREMIER.

Mr. Fraser returned to Cairo on Sunday night after a two days' visit to New Zealand war wounded in Egypt.

Mr. Fraser spent Saturday night on board a New Zealand hospital ship and also inspected a New Zealand convalescent depot, speaking to the men on their experiences. — Reuter.

THEY TOOK FLOWERS---

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Three members of a rescue party stepped shyly into the ward of a London hospital. One of them carried a bunch of flowers, a tribute from brave men to a brave girl.

Mrs. Rose Connolly, aged nineteen, was injured when her home was wrecked by a bomb.

Her heroism during the twelve hours she was trapped touched the rescue workers.

The bomb killed Mrs. Connolly's few-month-old baby girl, her own mother, mother-in-law and father-in-law. Her husband is with the R.A.F.

Mrs. Connolly smiled as they handed her the flowers. The last time they had seen her was when they dug her out of ten feet of debris and she had jokingly cried: "Go easy boys, you're treading on my face."

"This is lovely of you, boys," said Mrs. Connolly as she buried her face in the flowers. "I was wondering how I could ever thank you for what you did. I didn't dream you'd come to see me."

"Huh, that's all right, missus," said Jim Parton, one of her rescuers, awkwardly. "We've got to look after our customers."

Then he and his comrades walked from the ward to go back to their job. They wouldn't have believed anyone who called them heroes.

DEEP SHELTERS TO BE BUILT

The Select Committee on National Expenditure states in its Report that plans are in progress for the provision of deep shelters for about 90,000 additional people and 18 out of 20 shafts have been begun. It is hoped the programme will be completed by next winter. — British Wireless.

EIGHTY-NINE MILLIONS ON A.R.P. SHELTERS

The Select Committee's Report on national expenditure, issued yesterday, states that civil defence, including A.R.P. shelters, amounted to £89 millions for the financial year ending March 31, 1941. — Reuter.

DOCTOR SAVES THREE BABIES

Three babies and their mothers were rescued from a maternity home raid on a north-east town.

A helper said she understood that the babies were not labelled, but she thought the nurses would be able to sort them out and give them to the right mothers.

Heroine of the rescue work was a young woman doctor who lives next door.

The doctor's housekeeper, Mrs. Elsie Webster, said:

"The doctor was out like a shot. We got all the babies out. One was only four days old."

ITALIAN PRISONERS ARRIVE IN SYDNEY

The first contingent of Italian prisoners of war arrived in Sydney yesterday and were sent to a camp in the country, says Reuter.

BRITISH NAVY'S STRENGTH

While the loss of H.M.S. Hood must not be minimised, the British Navy has 15 capital ships against a nominal roll of 12 available to the Axis fleets.

But of these 12 only eight are now effective. Italy having lost her two 35,000 tons Littorio class battleships, one at Taranto and the other severely damaged at Matapan.

Of her Cavour class only two are available at the present time, one having foundered at Taranto and one being damaged.

Of Germany's six capital ships (two being the "pocket battleships" Lutzow and Scheer), Gneisenau and Scharnhorst are still in Brest where they have received considerable attention from the R.A.F.

Of the British battleships the oldest is Revenge, completed in 1915, and the newest is the Prince of Wales, commissioned in 1941. — British Wireless.

U.S. SHORTAGE OF FARM WORKERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Draft Director, Mr. Hershey, yesterday asked local boards to consider the deferment of farm workers engaged in the production of food vitally needed for national defence in a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Wickard saying there is a shortage of farm labour and food production must be maintained. — International News Service.

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LAVAL TALKS THE NEW LANGUAGE OF VICHY FRANCE

MAKING HIS FIRST SPEECH SINCE HIS DISMISSAL BY MARSHAL PETAIN LAST DECEMBER, PIERRE LAVAL, IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY, SAID: "WE OWE OUR FAILURE TO DEMOCRACY. WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT FOR IT."

"France cannot go back. She must fulfil two tasks with the great powers of Europe, get peace first and then overcome unemployment and poverty."

"Those are assurances which my personal experience can give America. Is America trying to paralyse us on the way to national resurrection?"

"We need some of your riches as you need some of ours, but remember that France can only fulfil this exchange between the New World and the new Europe if she can collaborate totally with Germany."

"I know that may astonish you but it is indispensable to France."

France Blames U.S.

According to the German radio version of the Laval speech, he said that since the United States did not help France during the war, she was partially to be blamed for the collapse of France. Laval pictured the United States as entertaining plans against the unity of the French Empire.

He warned the United States against sharing the same fate as France by blindly going into the war.

The German radio credits Laval with the statement that not for a single moment and not by any gesture had the Germans taken up an attitude that might have wounded French pride.

Hitler's Bloody Hand

For France, it was simply accepting the hand of the Fuehrer in an unique gesture or she would suffer the fate of being divided up. Laval, who was speaking on the Paris radio, added: "The United States have been willing for France to be annihilated or torn to pieces by enjoying her to refuse the hand that Chancellor Hitler held out to her in a gesture that is without precedent in history."

"This war—perhaps on the other side of the ocean you do not fully realise it—is not a war like other wars. It is a revolution out of which we will rise rejuvenated, reorganised and prosperous!"—Reuter.

SUPPORTS DECREE FOR WIFE

Mrs. Gladys Vera Cook, of Canterbury Road, Colchester, Essex, was granted a decree nisi, with costs, against Mr. Didymus Thomas Cook, who did not contest the suit, but went into the witness-box in support of his wife's petition.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were married in 1928 and have one child.

Mrs. Cook's case was that the marriage was happy until 1937, when she discovered her husband's association with another woman. He left Mrs. Cook towards the end of that year.

Lord Merriman, the President, asked the husband if he was aware that he was liable for costs.

Mr. Cook: Oh, yes. I am fully aware of that, but I have no money so it makes no difference.

PLAYS IN GERMAN PRISONS

British prisoners of war in German camps have taken to producing plays. Oflag VII C/H camp started the vogue. Prisoners there put on Galsworthy's "Escape," which ran for four performances. They then produced a topical pantomime, and then, by way of variety, "Richard III."

Now prisoners at other camps want to try their hand, and among 3,000 books to be sent to camps this month by the Red Cross are several volumes of plays which have been asked for.

Biographies and books on travel, history, art, natural history and mountaineering, as well as novels, are being sent also.

In the first fortnight of February 97,008 food parcels were received at Geneva, and during the same period 65,527 were sent to British prisoners. On February 15 a balance of 31,481 was at Geneva awaiting transmission.

Among future parcels will be some provided by the British community in Cuba, who have "adopted" eight prisoners. One little boy, Billy Clark, wrote to the British Embassy at Havana, saying he wanted to send a weekly purchase of food "to some little boy's brother or father."

"TIPPERARY" BEHIND CLOSED SHUTTERS

A letter from France that took three months to reach England tells of the observance of the one hour's stay-in-doors on January 1, when the streets of towns and villages in France were empty for an hour at the suggestion broadcast from London by the Free French.

The writer of the letter says the observance was general and tells how he and his family, behind closed shutters, drank to the success of de Gaulle and Great Britain and sang "Tipperary." The neighbours heard, and soon the whole house was singing "Tipperary."

WOMAN POSED AS ARMY OFFICER

A woman who wore the uniform of a lieutenant-colonel in the R.A.M.C. told the Lancaster Magistrates that she bought the outfit to impress her husband and just to show off.

The woman, Esther Jacques (31), of Halton, near Lancaster, mother of two children, aged 11 and nine, was fined £2.

For receiving from a soldier a confidential copy of an Army training memorandum, a booklet

NO UNREST OR DISUNITY, SAYS BERGERET

The Vichy Air Minister, General Bergeret, who has just returned from a visit to Syria, stated in a broadcast yesterday that there was "no unrest or disunity in Colonial France."

He denounced the celebrated Colonel Collet — the almost legendary leader of the Circassian regiments — as "an officer formerly renowned and henceforth a traitor," though without naming him.—Reuter.

VANISHING HALF— DOZEN

The chief of a fire-watching group in Bognor Regis sent out two girls to watch a certain road, telling them to report back after two hours.

The two girls didn't come back to report. Somewhat annoyed, he sent out another two girls after the others.

The couple of girls who went after the first couple of girls didn't come back either. Somewhat worried, the fire watch chief sent out two men.

The two men who followed the girls who followed the first couple of girls also didn't come back.

Terribly worried, the fire-watch chief told the police.

So the police followed the men who followed the girls who followed the first couple of girls. And the police couldn't find any one of them.

So they asked the military if they had seen two men and four girls.

"Sure," said the military. "We've been holding them all because not one is carrying an identity card." So the identity cards were produced.

entitled "The Officer and His Job," and notes for the guidance of commanding and staff officers regarding allowances, she was also fined £3.

It was stated that the local police knew Mrs. Jacques as a first aid nurse, and their suspicions were aroused when they saw her in an officer's khaki uniform, carrying two suitcases, and making her way towards the railway station.

In a statement to the police, she said: "I had a break with my husband, whom I last saw in Manchester last November, and I bought this uniform just to show off to him."

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Mr. Menzies Calls For An End To Party Politics

GAVE UP TICKET TO PALACE

A mother sacrificed her invitation to Buckingham Palace to see her son decorated with the D.S.M. so that his fiancée, whom she had never met, could go.

While waiting excitedly outside the Palace gates at a recent investiture to congratulate her son, Leading Stoker Douglas Banks, on his decoration and engagement, she stood near another mother, who was also waiting.

Until after the investiture, neither knew that in a few months their families will be linked by marriage.

The other mother was Mrs. Smith, mother of Inez Banks's fiancée.

"I've a good reason for not minding giving my place at the Palace to Inez," smiled Mrs. Elizabeth Banks. Then she introduced father Yeoman of Signal Francis Banks like his son, a naval man.

"You see," she said, "I had all the excitement of having a D.S.M. in the family before. My husband was awarded one during the last war, and, as with my son's, it was for gallant conduct at Dunkirk."

APPEALING FOR UNITY in Australian politics, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States, said in Sydney yesterday: "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and spirit of the people."

Mr. Menzies hoped his warm personal friendship with the Labour leader, Mr. Curtin, might prove a symbol of the ultimate all-round cooperation of all parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war, not dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers."

"We must have the cooperation of men of all parties to face the supreme crisis in our history when one turn of the

wheel might extinguish us for ever."

For Six Months

In a reference to the United States, Mr. Menzies said: "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow President Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves."

"Australia must vastly increase war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

New Chivalry

Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr. Menzies said no account he had ever read of the bombing before, going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country.

The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I have returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."—Reuter.

PRIEZ POUR LUI

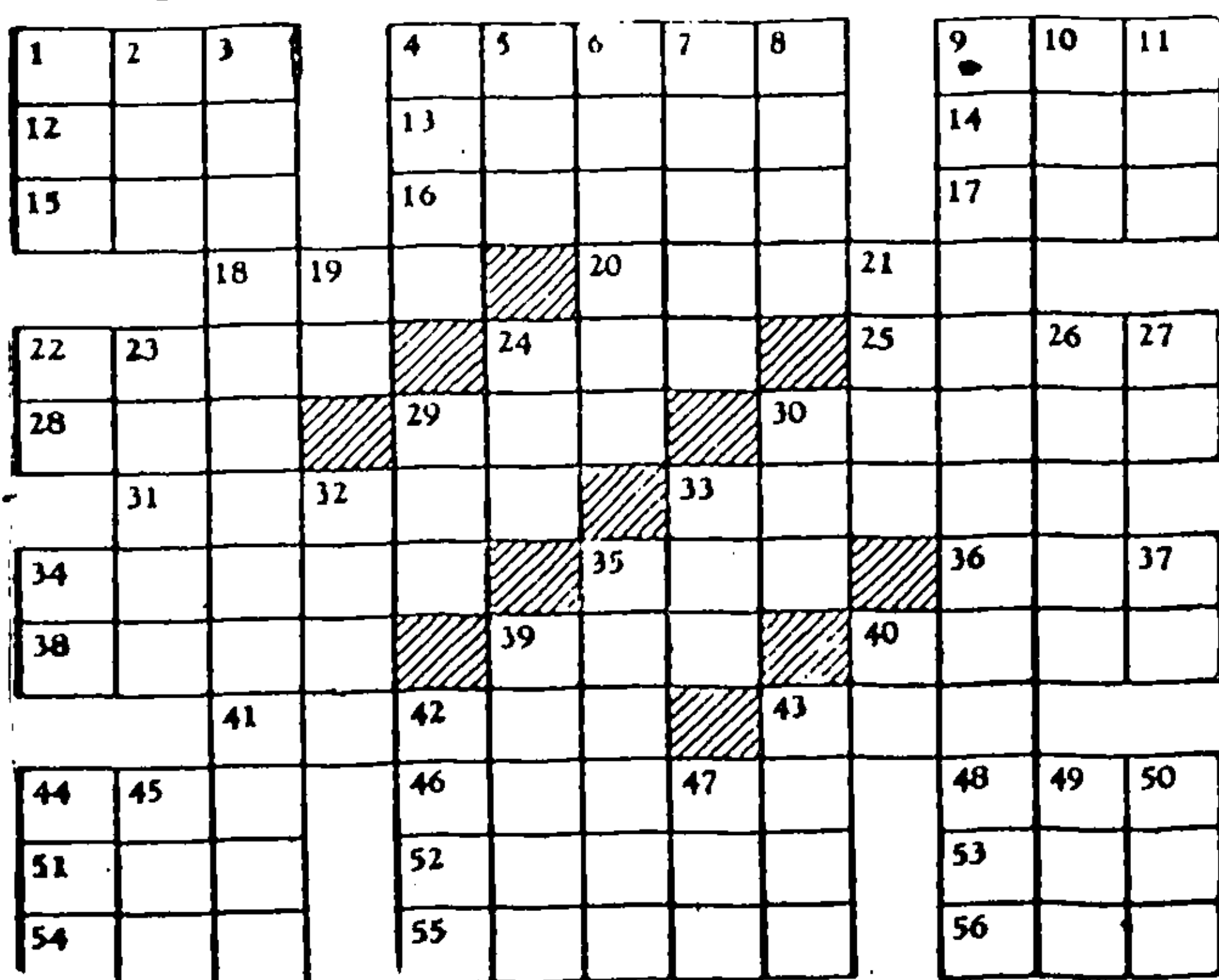
A refugee recently arrived from Brittany states that in every village church, at the end of the service, the priest says simply to the congregation, "Priez pour lui"—pray for him. Every head is bowed in prayer for the success of General de Gaulle. If an irate Nazi official calls on the priest to explain who is "lui," the priest replies that he may be anyone, for everyone has someone they pray for.

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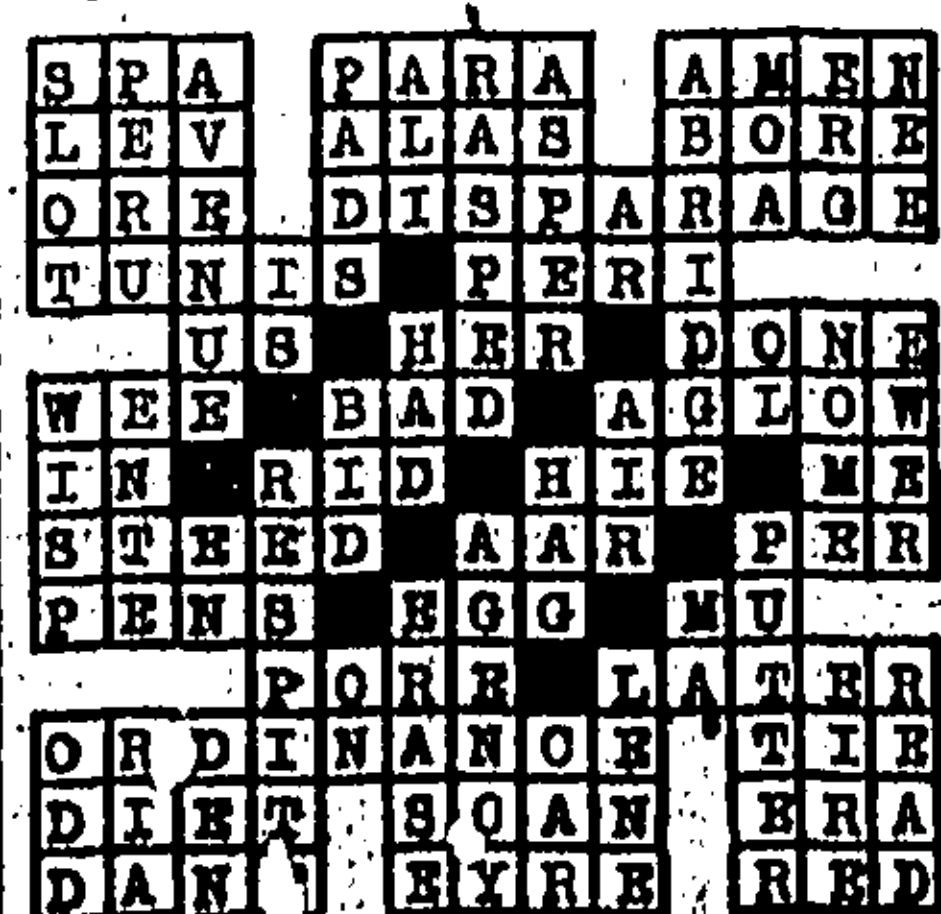


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Portuguese coin
 - 4 Place of combat
 - 9 Cowardly fellow
 - 12 To bring forth
 - 13 Former French capital
 - 14 Crude metal
 - 15 Before
 - 16 Growing out
 - 17 Original
 - 18 To irritate
 - 20 Lines of junction
 - 22 Fastidious
 - 24 Pronoun
 - 25 Norse armed galley
 - 28 Forth
 - 29 Distant
 - 30 Girl's name
 - 31 Speedy
 - 33 Alone: stage direction
 - 34 Toil
 - 35 Brim
 - 36 Sailor
 - 38 Ancient European country
 - 39 Colloquial: crafty person
 - 40 Length
 - 41 Musical

- 43 Bulgarian coin
- 44 Hawaiian dish
- 46 Wrathful
- 48 To recede
- 51 Worthless
- 52 Person of mixed blood
- 53 Confederate general
- 54 Period of time
- 55 Skillful
- 56 Till now

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Female ruff
 - 2 Hearing organ
 - 3 That which is unavoidable
 - 4 Summit
 - 5 Sped
 - 6 Rubber
 - 7 Saltpetre
 - 8 On the ocean

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 9 In regular order
- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Moisture
- 18 Printer's measure
- 21 To handle roughly
- 22 Italian river
- 23 Bucolic
- 24 Possessed
- 26 Durable
- 27 Symbol for white fibre
- 29 Evergreen tree
- 30 To chop
- 32 Nosegay
- 33 Number
- 34 French article
- 35 To find
- 37 Note of scale
- 39 Discharged
- 40 Pronoun
- 42 Narrow opening
- 43 For fear that
- 44 Seed container
- 45 Anglo-Saxon money
- 47 Pind
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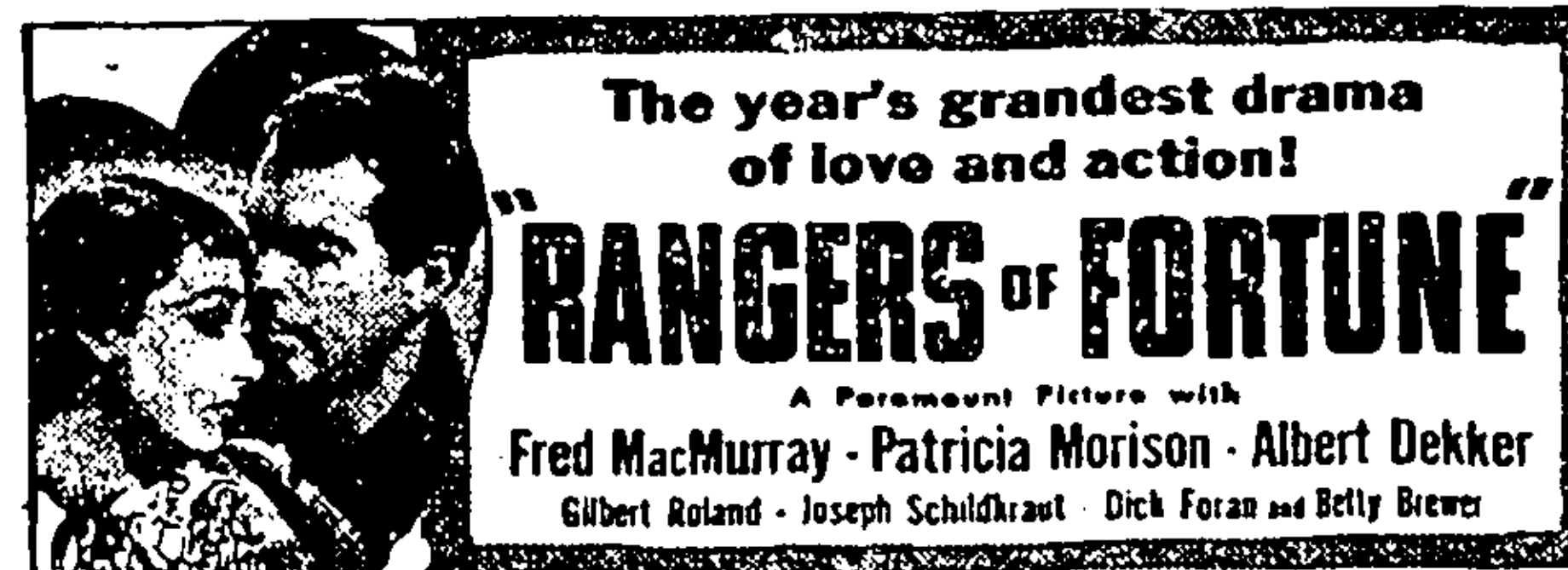
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U.S. EXPERTS ANSWER WAR DEFEATISTS

Four retired Admirals headed a list of seventeen authorities on naval, military and aviation operations and on world politics, who joined in a contradiction of the Lindbergh thesis that Britain has already lost the war beyond recovery through any aid the United States might give.

"We believe such assertions unwarranted by the available evidence," they declared in a joint statement. Admitting that the British outlook is "grave," they marshalled nine reasons for their "joint" and considered opinion that there is no warrant for presupposing a German victory.

They said that British sea power, particularly in combination with United States sea power, could deny Germany access to essential resources of the non-European world, and further, that the combined industrial production of Britain and the United States eventually would gear up to passing Germany, which started with the advantage of being already in high.

"Germany must win before American aid is effective," said the seventeen experts. "The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory, therefore is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. American naval and air forces now possess the necessary striking force as in 1917, to equalise and perhaps turn to our definite advantage the struggle now waging along the convoy routes."

The experts conclude that, "even if it is true - which we deny - that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible."

Text Of Statement

Their statement follows:

In the belief that it will be of value to the American public, the undersigned students of military affairs and world politics offer the following statement of fundamental facts which are pertinent to the formulation of American policy in the existing situation. Sweeping assertions are being made that the British Empire already has lost the war and that nothing which the United States can do will have material influence upon the ultimate result. We believe such assertions unwarranted by the available evidence. We are aware that there are grave threats to British security in the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, and in the Far East. But it is our joint and considered opinion that factors of fundamental importance still operate in favour of Britain and her allies and that there is no warrant for presupposing a German victory. We respectfully call attention to the following facts:

1. By reason of British sea power Germany is denied access to the essential resources of the non-European world, both in industrial production and in raw materials. On the other hand, Britain still enjoys such access - particularly to the vital supplies produced within the empire and the United States.

Were American sea power, with its supporting air arm, made available to Britain the resulting Anglo-American preponderance on the sea would be even more effective. No power in control of the seas has ever been defeated in a prolonged war, and no power without such control has ever won a struggle of world-wide proportions.

2. The industrial plants of Germany are within reach of the Royal Air Force, whereas Britain (quite aside from her own considerable production, however subject to interruption) can draw upon the enormous industrial plants of the United States and the Dominions, which are safe from air attack. The total industrial capacity thus available to Britain far surpasses that available to Germany and her vassal States. In a war in which machines play so great a part, this is a fundamental advantage which time will still further accentuate in Britain's favour.

U.S. Power Growing

3. Whereas Germany's industrial plant is now geared to max-

imum production, the military potential of the United States is only beginning to be felt in the struggle. Hence Germany's initial advantage - namely, in numerical superiority of aircraft and other instruments of war - is temporary and fleeting. If the war becomes one of attrition and exhaustion the Axis powers will be at a serious disadvantage as compared with the British Empire and the United States.

4. The decisive area of the war is the island of Britain and its surrounding seas. If American tanks, aircraft, munitions, ships, food and supplies can reach Britain without substantial interruption and in ever-increasing quantities, Britain can more effectively resist attack and can ultimately take the offensive at first in the air and subsequently with other weapons as well. On the other hand, if Germany can seriously reduce or altogether stop the flow of American supplies to Britain, Hitler will have won the war.

The decisive period is from the present moment until the rising curve of American production passes that of Germany. Germany must win before American aid is effective. This Germany can do only by a successful invasion of Britain (which seems to present almost insuperable difficulties) or by cutting Britain's life-line of overseas supplies.

The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory, therefore, is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. Germany's hope is to render American aid ineffective by attacking the ships which carry that aid. If Germany has misjudged her ability to win this Battle of the Atlantic - as she misjudged it in 1917 - she cannot win the war.

5. American naval and air forces now possess the necessary striking force, as in 1917, to equalise and perhaps turn to our definite advantage the struggle now waging along the convoy routes. We do not underestimate the difficulties and realise that, in the event of American intervention for this purpose, a major effort would be required. We believe that our position in the Pacific should be maintained and by appropriate defensive measures in that area, and that Japan could be held in check should she decide to enter the war.

6. There is no doubt that Britain is suffering cruel punishment from the air and that German bombardments on the present scale might seriously impair the British ability and will to fight on. Adequate American production of aircraft, (particularly of long-range bombers) and their safe delivery to Britain would alter this situation in at least two fundamental respects: it would make possible effective British counter-measures, and it would raise British morale (while adversely affecting German morale) by large-scale reprisals against German industrial centres including Berlin.

7. If there is any people in the world who can and ought to surpass all others in the science of Mechanised warfare it is the people of the United States. We are literally a nation on wheels, a people who live with and by machines. If we so will, we can produce for Britain and for ourselves motorised and armoured equipment which will be superior to any thus far utilised in the war. We could begin with aircraft, the possibilities of which are as yet only partially realised, and proceed with other weapons.

8. It is imperative that we take

account of moral factors as being an inherent part of the military potential. Had defeatists been in command of British forces in the South Atlantic, nicely balancing weight of armour and metal, the Graf Spee would not now be a scuttled wreck in Montevideo harbour. Had a commercial balance sheet of population, trained troops, ships and instruments of war been struck in 1776, there would have been no Declaration of Independence and no independent United States of America. Bismarck always warned against overlooking what he called the imponderables - a warning which we should take to heart.

9. Even if it were true - which we deny - that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible.

The conditions must be created which will enable Churchill to fulfill the pledge which he made to the United States last September that the British fleet - in the event that it could not continue operations in its own waters - would resume the fight from empire bases. This is clearly in the interest of the United States, whether or not we intervene in the war. The signers of the statement are:

Admiral William V. Pratt, retired, formerly Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral William H. Standley, retired, formerly Chief of Naval Operations.

Vice Admiral William L. Rodgers, retired, formerly president of the Naval War College.

Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, formerly Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet.

Dr. James P. Baxter 3d, president, Williams College; lecturer at the United States Naval War College.

Cy Caldwell, editor, Aero Digest. Clarence D. Chamberlin, aviator; president, Chamberlin Aircraft Schools.

Colonel William J. Donovan, World War commander of the 165th United States Infantry.

Dr. Edward Mead Earle, professor, School of Economics and Politics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.

George Field Eliot, military and naval correspondent, The New York Herald Tribune and Columbia Broadcasting System.

Livingston Hartley, author "Our Maginot Line."

Walter Millis, author and journalist.

Nathaniel Peffer, Associate Professor of International Relations, Columbia University, New York.

Fletcher Pratt, military and naval correspondent, The New York Post and Time, Inc.

Lindsay Rogers, Burgess Professor of public Law, Columbia University, New York.

Raymond Gram Swing, author and commentator on foreign affairs, Mutual Broadcasting System.

Theodore P. Wright, Office of Production Management; formerly vice president and director of engineering, Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

CANDLES LED TO FINE

Because his application for a faculty to remove altar candles in his church had been refused, the Rev. Robert C. Tootill, rector of Goulceby Church, Lincs, lighted them so that they would burn away.

The lights from the two candles shone through an unscreened window during the black-out and as a result the rector was fined £1 at Horncastle Police Court.

STOLE WAR OFFICE 32-SEATER COACH

Black-out thieves in one night stole a War Department camouflaged thirty-two-seater motor coach in the City of London; forty-three half chests (about forty pounds each) of tea valued at £350; from a warehouse at Campion's, Green Street, Shenley; and a doctor's saloon car, containing a case of dangerous drugs, at Balham, London, S.W.



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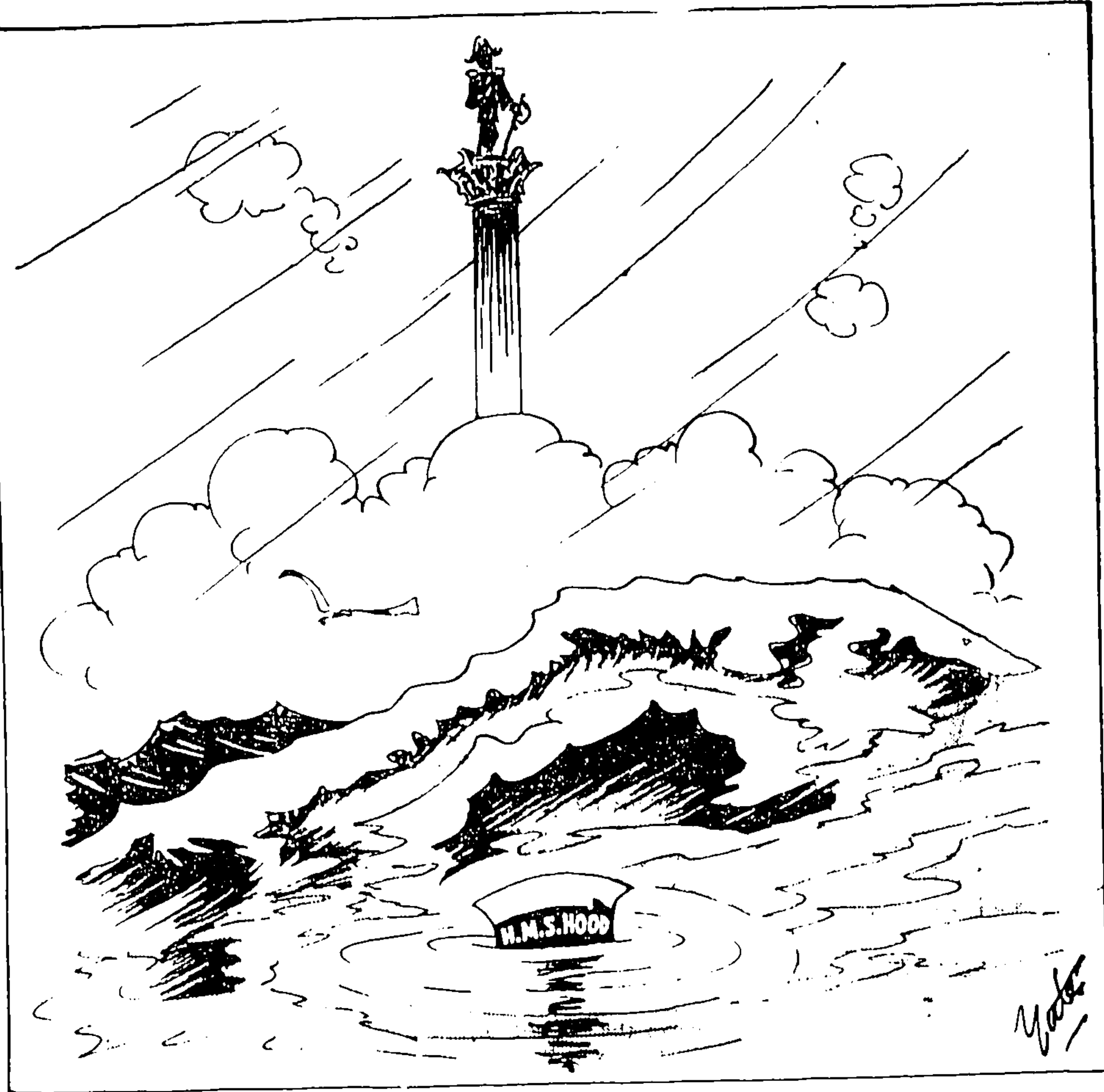
Loss of H.M.S. Hood on the eve, as it were, of President Roosevelt's statement of policy, which most assuredly will be deeply concerned with the issue of the Battle of the Atlantic, will lend additional emphasis to everything he says. It is stupid, of course, to permit the grievous loss to arouse undue depression. That is merely playing the game of Goebbels, whose extremes of enthusiasm have carried him to the farcical assertion that the loss of Hood is the deathblow of the Navy and to Britain's hope of winning the war. The Admiralty have not yet revealed the progress of the three other ships of the King George V class, whose keels were laid at more or less the same time as "King George V" and "Prince of Wales," but it would be surprising if they are not already undergoing sea trials, and if the still more powerful "Lion" and "Tiger" are not close on their heels in line for commissioning. Disturbing as the loss of Hood is, still more of the gallant men who went down with her, any suggestion that the might of the Royal Navy is gravely undiminished is preposterous.

It does, however, impress upon the United States the danger of sitting back and admiring the magnificent performances of our fighting men, and condoling with us in those tragedies that make up the story of a desperate conflict.

Americans are now demanding that the freedom of the seas should be reasserted by the President. What is needed is something even more than that. The call for America's all-out effort has not been more strongly put than by Mr. William L. Batt, deputy director of the division of production in President Roosevelt's armaments organisation. For us to suppose, he says, that Britain is growing stronger every day in relation to Germany is a criminal folly. For us to enjoy a growing feeling of safety simply because England is still fighting back is the grossest negligence. What is the cold, hard truth of the matter? Germany points out this authority, started out with a military machine that could be matched only through the expenditure of \$100,000,000. To this it has added the productive capacity of the occupied countries and the huge tributes that it has exacted from them. Since last spring, latter armies have conquered the Continent of Europe. Its land armies have acquired tremendous stores of ammunition and equipment, so that, since the collapse of France, Germany's production has been relieved of the necessity of turning out great quantities of equipment. All this time British factories have been "working day and night" to replace the equipment lost on the roads of France and the beaches of Dunkirk.

Mr. Batt is by no means unimpressed or unappreciative of the effort that America has made up to now. The machine-tool industry, he notes with pride, doubled its output in 1939 and redoubled it in 1940, and will do even better this year. Output of aircraft engines has increased twelvefold since last year, and tank production will be well under way within a few weeks. But, turning to the broad picture of the race with Germany, he reminds U.S. that while she shipped \$100,000,000 worth of materials to England in December, it still remains true that America has not provided Britain with as much as Hitler has been able to extort from France alone, "not to mention Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxemburg and Holland."

Does this mean that there is no use trying to aid Britain—that it is too late and the task is too big? Not at all, declares Mr. Batt. What it does mean is that America must multiply by three, five and even ten times the present rate of shipments to England. Then and only then, will it tip the balance in favour of Britain. But this, in turn, means that we must drop the fiction that we can perform a modern miracle of industrial transformation without hurting anybody.



WE WILL REPAY

Cheesy Ballads

By
Ivor Brown

Our vegetarians have been telling Lord Woolton, with some justice, that, since milk is meat to them, they should be allowed a larger share of the carving (perhaps paying would now be a more accurate word) of our national cheese supply. Other voices are raised, no less fairly, on behalf of the country labourer whose mid-day meal, or nunnit (noon-meal), as it is called in the South-west, never did contain much meat but consisted of hunky bread and a slab of cheese. The town labourer might here interpose his claim to none of the coveted article, since he too was apt to carry a milk-bundle for his interval's refreshment. It is not only the ploughman whose heart turns cheese-ward when the sun rides high. Bread with a smear of jam is a poor substitute for the sturdy cheese sandwich of the toiler's middle day.

Cheese, indeed, is so much a part of the native larder and of English life, wars permitting, that it goes rolling through all bucolic myths and ballads in its mild and milky way. Sang Calverley.

The farmer's daughter hath soft brown hair
(Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese),
And I met a ballad, I can't say where.

Which wholly consisted of lines like these.

"Bread and cheese and kisses," sang the older music-hall as types of thrifty pleasure. We have all met these songs with their dairy echoes and smack of the milkshed. The English, wherever they went, took such rhymes and fancies in the vagrant's pack. This prayer, for example, comes from America:

But I, when I undress me,
Each night upon my knees
Will ask the Lord to bless me
With apple-pie and cheese.

Surely this charming supplication is a reimport, having been first taken overseas by a Yorkshireman, if it in fact be true that the admirable blending of the cheese and apple flavours be mainly native to that county.

Be that as it may, you can never delve far into the prose and poetry of the elemental English without finding a cheesy smell and savour. Is the moon made of green cheese? So our playful simplicity has continually inquired. Thin men, poor scraps of humanity, are likened to Banbury cheese, though why that cake-

famous borough, lying among its rich, well-watered meadows, should yield so spare and mean an article is not explained. Dairy produce goes gleaming through the pastoral ballads, as Calverley observed, and even penetrates the urban slang. Many may have heard a cry of "cheese it" without being aware of what it means—or meant, for it is an old catchword of the pavement. Apparently it is the equivalent emerging from thieves' cant of "Chuck it" or "Come off it." But why?

There appears to be something about cheese which fascinates the English and indeed almost intoxicates them, to such strange and contradictory uses do they apply the term. Cheese means "the correct thing," with the adjective "cheesy" as a Victorian term for fine or showy, while it is applied contemptuously both as a verb in "cheese it" and as a noun to a simpleton or fat-head. The strangest meaning of cheese is a deep curtsy, to "make cheeses," according to the O.E.D., being "a schoolgirl's amusement, consisting in turning round rapidly and then suddenly sinking down so that the petticoats take something of the form of a cheese."

It is sadly significant of our time that we now are delighted to receive "cheese" of any kind. Gone are the regional niceties, the fine and local nominations. Cheese, to be exact, is "the curd of milk, coagulated by rennet, separated from the whey and pressed into a solid mass." You would think that since pure milk and rennet do not vary greatly cheese would emerge very much the same wherever the blessed coagulations and compressions took place. But, happily, the reverse is the case. Cheese can be sweet or sour, blue or red, yellow or white, hard or soft, thanks to some nicely varying mystery in the methods and materials of its construction. True, the importation of a standardised article at a price convenient to the poorest did in peace-time obliterate from many minds the idea of cheese as a generic title for a grand assortment of country products, each proudly different and even aloof. How many workers at a London grocery counter would have known what a customer intended who suddenly asked for anything

so native and so picturesque as Dorset's Blue Vinny, for anything so quantitatively imposing as Double Gloucester, or for anything so unpretentiously local as Lancashire or Derbyshire?

For all I know the grocer who failed to respond to one such colourful request may have been justified. Perhaps Blue Vinny had disappeared from a world given over to sentimental moaning about its "blues" of the soul. If so, the more's the pity. For it was the great merit of the English cheeses to be regional and even parochial creatures, demanding to be stocked and served with a reverent and geographical scholarship, as much as if they were wines of vintage. Calverley could have made, had he troubled, a most agreeable ballad of these local beauties, for, like the flowers, "almost singing themselves they come." What have Dan'l Pearce, Peter Gurney, and Uncle Tom Cobble to set against Blue Cheshire, Blue Vinny, Caerphilly, and old Double Gloucester and all as the items of a festive chorus? And that without starting on the noble army of Pennine cheeses.

The trouble began when sundry "patent" cheeses were manufactured with detached portions in separate paper wrappings: cheese should be and should look a farmhouse article, and these were suburban; their isolated sections went pat with the genteel detachment of villadom. They were "nace," they were "refined." And whatever real cheese may be, raw with youth or rotten with the extremes of age, sharp or mellow, creamy or crusty, heavenly or horrible, it is never just "nace."

But to think of cheese in all its subtle variations is either to feed on happy recollections or to indulge in forward visions of the modest plenty which peace may bring. Meanwhile cheese is just cheese, a covetable paring from an anonymous slab, and of high utility as such, if not a source of zest. (My own advice is to help out a common-place cheese with a speck of mustard.) To the lady and beauty and diversity of cheese we shall some day return: for the present we may cite with gratitude a simple observation made in 1655 by one Dr. Muffet, an early student of nutritive values and perhaps the parent of the curd-consuming miss made for ever famous by her session on a tuffet. "Bread and cheese," said the doctor briefly, "be two targets against death." He spoke for our time.

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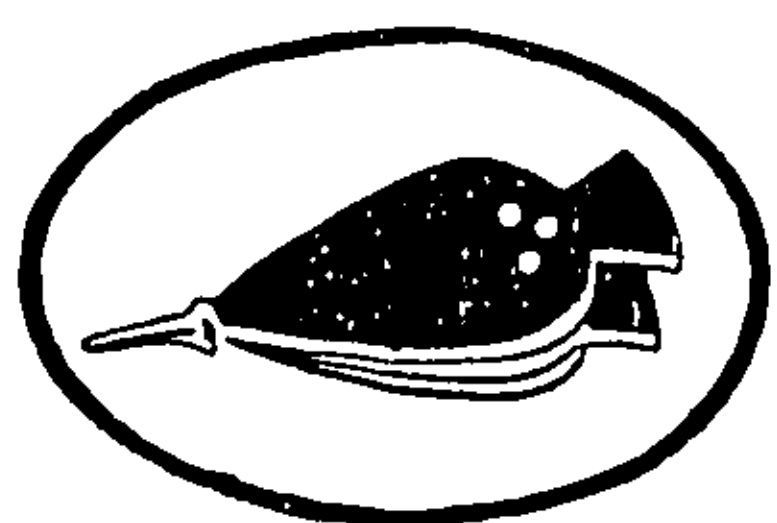
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OVER THE LIST OF SHIP SINKINGS AND GAVE
BRITAIN A YEAR.**

If America supplies the ships to make up for the rise in Britain's Atlantic losses, and supplies them now, these experts say, the women and children who climb out of the wreck of their rooftops each morning with thumbs thrust courageously upward, the youth who last September fought Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering's raiders to a standstill in the sky, the men of Dunkirk, of the Rawalpindi, of Thermopylae, will not have fought democracy's greatest battle all in vain.

People are asking, Is America going to help keep the British "thumbs up"?

Britain's merchant ship losses in the last 12 months amounted to 4,158,986 tons, and the U-boat toll during March ran somewhat above the monthly average. What these losses mean in terms of dollar-value of cargoes to say nothing of their intrinsic worth to a nation fighting for its life, can be computed with reasonable accuracy on the basis of a corrected average valuation of \$35 a gross ton. Thus the total cargo loss during the last 12 months amounted to \$145,564,510. To these losses must be added the huge replacement cost of the ships themselves. Based on current American shipbuilding rates, the ship losses of the last year amount to approximately \$1,500,000,000.

Total Losses

According to the complete compilation of Allied ship losses released by the Associated Press on April 24, the total amount of tonnage sunk in the war amounts to 5,651,481 tons. The value of the ships and cargoes involved in these total war losses, computed on the basis stated above, amounts to \$1,893,246,135.

These figures indicate the need for American help, which is now moving toward the extension of the neutrality patrols.

Britain began the war with considerably more than 12,000,000 tons of ocean-going shipping, counting only vessels of 1,000 tons or over. War losses have reduced this figure to about 7,000,000 tons, but the London Economist estimates Britain's shipping has been increased by 8,000,000 tons obtained from Norway and other conquered countries, beside neutral charters, enemy captures, and more recently by transfers of American ships under the lend-lease programme. Thus Britain is believed to have at least 15,000,000 tons of merchant shipping in operation at this time.

In the United States merchant marine, actual and building, Britain has a large reservoir of cargo tonnage which can be used to transport planes, guns, tanks, food and munitions to democracy's frontline defences.

The United States has more than 1,200 ocean-going merchant vessels, not counting lake or river tonnage, amounting to more than 7,000,000 gross tons. About 450 ships are under construction or under contract. At present there are 119 shipways; 143 are being built and plans for nearly 100 more are underway.

According to the Chairman of the United States Marine Commission this effort is "more than twice as great as any ever before attempted by this or any other country."

This statement probably applies to peacetime efforts, because the present shipbuilding programme does not equal that undertaken by the United States in the World War when the country's 215 shipways were expanded to 1,204. During the peak of the World War programme ships were being turned out at the rate of nearly 3,000,000 gross tons a year. But this peak was not reached until 1920, two years after the Armistice.

Speed Is Essential

The speed with which shipbuilding is carried on in time of

war, it appears, is vastly more important than the size of the undertaking. According to the Chief of Transportation Service, "at no time before July 31, 1919, was the American tonnage sufficient to meet all needs." This report was confirmed by the Chairman of the Shipping Board. "The war was won," he said, "despite the fact that we could not build ships fast enough to feed 80 or 100 divisions."

It is evident from these statements that the decisive factor in the World War was the speedy impressment of all existing tonnage. The report of the official Reichstag committee investigation of the causes of the German collapse called attention to the haste with which ships were assembled and sent to France during the crucial months of the last big German drive verifies this point.

"The extraordinary increase in American troop transports since May 1918 was a surprise," says this German report. "In the massive reinforcements which the Americans brought at the critical moment lies the significance of America's intervention. Our hope to bring about a decision through our 1918 offensive, before the Americans could come in with great forces, was unfulfilled. The Americans arrived then in such numbers that the ending of the war unfavourably to us was influenced by it."

This view should help to emphasise that the present huge expansion in American shipbuilding is secondary to the speed with which all available ships now afloat can be pressed into service to bridge the oceans between America's factories and democracy's war fronts.

Where can these ships be procured?

Lend-Lease Reservoir

A tabulation of American ocean-going merchant ships as of January 1, 1941, shows the number and types of ships, both Government and privately owned, which form a lend-lease reservoir for Britain.

Type	Number	Tonnage
Passenger	123	956,861
Freighter	749	3,722,877
Tankers	361	2,596,458

Total 1,233 7,279,196

Out of this total of 1,233 ocean-going vessels, some 304 are engaged in overseas services. The remaining 929 are either in coastwise or nearby foreign trades with the exception of 56 Government and 41 privately-owned vessels which are listed as laid up.

These 929 ships total nearly 5,500,000 gross tons. Of these some 361 are tankers. The remaining 568 ships trading within the Western Hemisphere represent a nucleus of close to 3,000,000 gross tons which the United States may divert to British use if the need becomes urgent. In the World War, the coastwise fleet transported 500,000 American soldiers and a vast amount of supplies to France.

Presumably the 300 American merchant ships now operating overseas are transporting vital raw materials to the United States. The 257 freighters operating within the Western Hemisphere and the 311 ships in the coastwise trade might be diverted to essential war services. Making the best use of this reservoir of ocean-going ships would help to offset British losses and speed aid to Britain until America's output of new ships reaches its maximum production.

**CHINA
THANKS
U.S.**

"The world is now looking to the United States as the last citadel of civilisation," Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government, told Mr. Clarence Gauss, new U.S. Ambassador to China, yesterday.

Presenting his credentials, Mr. Gauss expressed the firm conviction that the principles for which the peoples of China and the United States stand, freedom and liberty, would finally prevail.

He added that the long-standing American friendship for China had been enhanced by their admiration of Chinese determination to defend their freedom.

Referring to American assistance to China, Mr. Gauss said the United States was now becoming a great arsenal for those peoples who were defending their liberty, freedom and independence.

Recalling he had been 30 years in China, he stressed his great faith in the Chinese people and his confidence in China's destiny.

Mr. Lin Sen, replying, expressed the appreciation and gratitude of the Chinese people for the assistance they had received and undoubtedly would continue to receive from the United States.—Reuter.

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**MR. MENZIES' VISIT
TO NEW CALEDONIA**

Free French Headquarters in London announce that on his way back to Australia the Australian Prime Minister was received at Noumea, capital of the Free French Colony of New Caledonia, by the local Government.

He was cheered by the French and native populations and a dinner was given in his honour by the Governor, M. Sautou.

New Caledonia rallied to the Free French Forces on September 20, 1940.—British Wireless.

SINKING OF 'HOOD' STIRS AMERICA

THE SINKING of H.M.S. Hood near Greenland, while grimly dramatising the Battle of the Atlantic, has driven home the following facts in the minds of U.S. naval and diplomatic circles:

Firstly, if H.M.S. Hood was being used for convoying, it is evident that other British capital ships, so badly needed in other theatres of war, must have been similarly employed to minimise the loss of ships and supplies from the United States.

Therefore, the British Navy, spread thinly throughout the seven seas, needs the assistance of the U.S. Navy.

Secondly, the naval engagement occurred between Greenland and Iceland athwart the main artery of Britain's Atlantic lifeline and so close to the American defence zone that Rear-Admiral Yates Sterling, ex-Chief of U.S. Naval Staff, said that it "awakened American concern for the approach of war in this Hemisphere."

Consequently, the question arises whether the German Navy is patrolling Greenland merely to raid British convoys, or to prevent the United States from occupying Greenland effectively as an advanced naval base of operations.

Thirdly, while Germany's other battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have been forced to abandon harassing work and effectively prevented from resuming raiding by the R.A.F., the need for strengthening the British Navy by the U.S. Navy is apparent.

The last Gallup poll showed a bare majority favouring U.S. convoying. The loss of H.M.S. Hood may profoundly affect American public opinion. Central News.

LIVE BOMB UNDER HIS BED

After sleeping with a live 25lb. bomb under his bed since last October, a man has been accused of receiving it and not reporting its situation.

He is thirty-year-old Philip Stonard, cabinet-maker, of Glenroy Street, Wood-lane, Shepherd's Bush, who pleaded guilty at West London.

Detective-Inspector Sands said that up to two weeks ago Stonard had lived at Shinfield Street, Shepherd's Bush, where, after he had left, another tenant found the bomb under the bed. "It had been there since last October," said the Inspector.

Very Much Alive

"Another man took it to the house and the rod was taken from the nose. By doing that they thought the bomb, a British one had been rendered harmless.

"In fact the detonator was still there and it was very much alive."

The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, ordering a week's remand, said he wanted to know what the other man was doing with the bomb.

Stonard was allowed bail.

RELIEFS FOR U.S. MARINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. transport Henderson left Shanghai yesterday afternoon for the United States with 324 of the Fourth Marines. When she arrived in Shanghai the Henderson brought 150 replacements. While the number of replacements is less than those leaving, no great significance is attached to the matter locally.—International News Service.

SIR DELVES BROUGHT TO TRIAL

THE TRIAL OF SIR DELVES BROUGHTON, ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING LORD ERROL, OPENED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF KENYA.

Lord Errol was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24.

Towards the end of yesterday's hearing a police witness said he had found Fascist literature in Lord Errol's house and a card, dated 1934, showing membership of the British Union of Fascists.

Ladies' Man

A police witness said Lord Errol was Assistant Military Secretary soon after war broke out but it was not part of his duty to deal with orders for the internment of Italians.

Witness agreed Lord Errol was a successful "ladies' man."

Counsel asked: "Is there anything in this crime which precludes the possibility of its being the work of two or more persons?" Witness replied "No."

Counsel: "One of these might have been a woman?" Witness replied "Yes." Reuter.

PREFER DARK SHELTERS

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PREFER AIR RAID SHELTERS TO BE DARK HAVE SMASHED NEARLY ALL THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN SURFACE SHELTERS IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

The lights were installed by the local council following complaints by moral welfare organisations.

"When the bulbs and fittings disappeared we put up new ones and fixed them in wire cages," Mr. H. A. Brown, borough surveyor, told the "Daily Mirror."

"Now the fittings have gone again, and the cages have disappeared with them."

Mr. Brown is to ask the council to approve of the use of shelters by fire-watching parties.

"That will help to prevent destruction by those who want petting parties" he added.

MISSIONARIES STRANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A large number of American missionaries are virtually "stranded" in Shanghai following the decision recently promulgated by the home Board that approval must first be obtained from the Board before permission can be sought from the U.S. consulate to travel into the interior of China. The matter is believed to have been taken up with the State Department.—International News Service.

RAIL RESCUES BY A.R.P.

A.R.P. men and war-workers on their way to work helped to rescue passengers when two local trains collided at Leyton, E., station shortly after dawn.

Hundreds of people were in one of the trains and fifty were injured — none seriously.

WENT ON WITH HIS PLOUGHING

A ploughman working in a field near a south-east coast town heard the roar of a bomber and took no notice.

Then he heard a bomb coming down. It plunged into the ground only 25ft. away from him. It was a delayed action bomb. The ploughman stepped over and peered down the little crater.

Then he just went on with the ploughing.

ARTIST AND WIFE GAOLED

The "swordstick menaces" case ended in prison sentences at the Old Bailey. Kenneth Leslie Bennett, aged nineteen, artist, of Mount Pleasant, South Ruislip, Middlesex, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

His wife, Constance Margaretta Bennett, aged nineteen, got nine months.

The Recorder (Sir Gerald Dodson) said that it was a deliberate blackmail plot skillfully carried out. But for their youth, the penalty would have been much greater.

"It is one of the sad features of modern life that young people are much older than their years, and do things which older people would never dream of doing," added the Recorder.

The couple were found guilty of demanding £250 with menaces from Mr. Harold Shatter of Eastcote, Middlesex.

"Offer" To Girl, 17

Miss Margarita Cotton, aged seventeen, friend of Mrs. Bennett, alleged that Mr. Shatter asked her if she would like a fur coat.

She continued: "I said: 'They are very nice.' Then he said: 'If I can get my wife to go to Scotland for three weeks, will you take a flat with me? You can have all the coats and jewellery you like and £5 a week.' I replied: 'I would not dream of doing anything like that.'"

Previously, he had given her £10 because he said he was "interested in her."

Inspector Smith said: "Kenneth Bennett imagines himself to be superior to the rest of his family, and is vain and self-seeking."

ANOTHER STRIKE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The labour situation in Shanghai took a critical turn yesterday with rice shop employees submitting demands for better treatment, with an ultimatum that if the demands are refused a general strike will be called affecting all shops in the foreign areas.—International News Service.

TEA QUOTA UP

The International Tea Committee yesterday raised the tea quota for the current period of regulation from 90 to 95 per cent, with a view to alleviating the position of the Eastern markets, where the Committee thinks prices have risen extravagantly, says Reuter from London to-day.



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The Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administration, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the first day and at 11.00 a.m. on the second day.

The 15min interval will be after the fourth race on the second day.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A LUCKY SLAM By The Four Aces

To-day's hand was overbid, but good luck combined with good play enabled South to make his Slam contract.

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NORTH
♠ A 10 8 3
♥ A Q 8 7 2
♦ Q 8 4
♣ 10

WEST EAST
♠ Q J ♠ K 6 2
♥ 6 4 ♥ 5 3
♦ 9 7 3 2 ♦ K 10 6 5
♣ 9 8 6 3 ♣ J 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ K J 10 9
♦ A J
♣ A K 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Queen of spades, and South looked at the dummy rather disconsolately. It was possible that he would lose a diamond and two spade tricks—down two at a voluntarily bid Slam! But there was nothing to be gained by scowling at his partner, so South decided to make his only play for the contract.

He won the first trick with dummy's spade Ace and immediately led a low diamond, successfully finessing the Jack. When that held, South breathed a mild sigh of relief, but his troubles were not yet over. The next step was to draw two rounds of trumps, and then South laid down the diamond Ace, followed by the top clubs. Dummy next ruffed a club, and South ruffed dummy's Queen of diamonds.

At this stage, both the North and South hands were void of the minor suits, each hand held trump, and only two spades were left in the dummy. And now South led a low spade. The opponents were helpless. If West won the Jack, any return lead would allow dummy to discard the losing spade while South ruffed. And if East overtook with the spade King, dummy's spade ten would become established as a natural winner.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 7
♥ A J 4
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ A 10

The bidding:

Maler	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. The opponents' suits are not going to develop well for them, and they ought to be set anywhere from one to four tricks, depending on the location of a few minor honours.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 726

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Maler	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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HARD LUCK WORD IS SLAVERY

Sentenced to six months' imprisonment for theft and fraudulent withdrawals from a banking account, Arthur Glass (23), said that every time he tried to go straight things went wrong.

At Marylebone Police Court Glass admitted stealing a camera and a bank book, forging withdrawal forms, and obtaining sums from a Post Office banking account.

He stated that he injured himself as a builder's labourer, spending seven months in hospital. He became a seaman, and fell down a hatchway; a street photographer, he smashed his camera.

Active In Crime

Detective Cromber outlined several convictions recorded against Glass for theft. He had recently been living on the proceeds of crime.

Mr. Snell remarked that Glass had made a clever plea, but had been persistent and active in crime.

HUSBAND PLEADS FOR WIFE

A husband's plea saved a woman from being sent to prison by the Old Street Magistrate, Mr. F. O. Langley.

Mrs. Ellen Catherine Nolan (28), described as of Edgeley Road, Clapham, appeared on remand on a charge of being concerned in the theft of cigarettes and cigars valued at £1,565 from a lock-up shop in Stepney. She pleaded "Guilty."

Mr. Langley said Mrs. Nolan's husband had appealed to him not to send her to prison in spite of her record and the fact that she was involved on this occasion in a serious theft. He would take a chance and put the case back for a matter of months.

If it looked as though the couple were happy and going right, he might not have to send her to prison at all.

"It will be perfectly monstrous if either let me down," he said, reminding Mrs. Nolan on bail.

SECOND MEDAL THIS WAR

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded its bronze medal for gallantry to Coxswain Thomas H. Bloom, of its lifeboat at Wallasey and Franton who won the Institution's silver medal in October, 1939.

The Nazis "blue print" of domination is complete to the last detail. This was the gist of a broadcast to his countrymen made recently by M. Henry Hauck, well known French writer now in England.

M. Hauck quoted the words of Dr. Walter Darre, Reich Minister of Agriculture, who declared at a meeting of leaders of the Nazi party, "We will destroy France."

In the new vital space we are creating we will introduce methods which are entirely new. All land and industrial property of inhabitants not of German origin will be confiscated without exception and distributed first members of the Nazi party, then to the soldiers. A new aristocracy of German masters will thus be created. This aristocracy will have its slaves, who will be German property. And when I say slaves do not take it for a figure of speech. We have in mind a modern form of slavery which we will establish because it is a necessary part of our mission."

Let there should be listeners who once again, as so often in the past, might be tempted to look upon such pronouncements as exaggeration. M. Hauck reminded them that already Frenchmen have been driven out of Lorraine without any shadow of legality and their land given to Germans from Saxony.

The Nazis say slavery and they mean slavery.

FROM INDO-CHINA TO SERVE

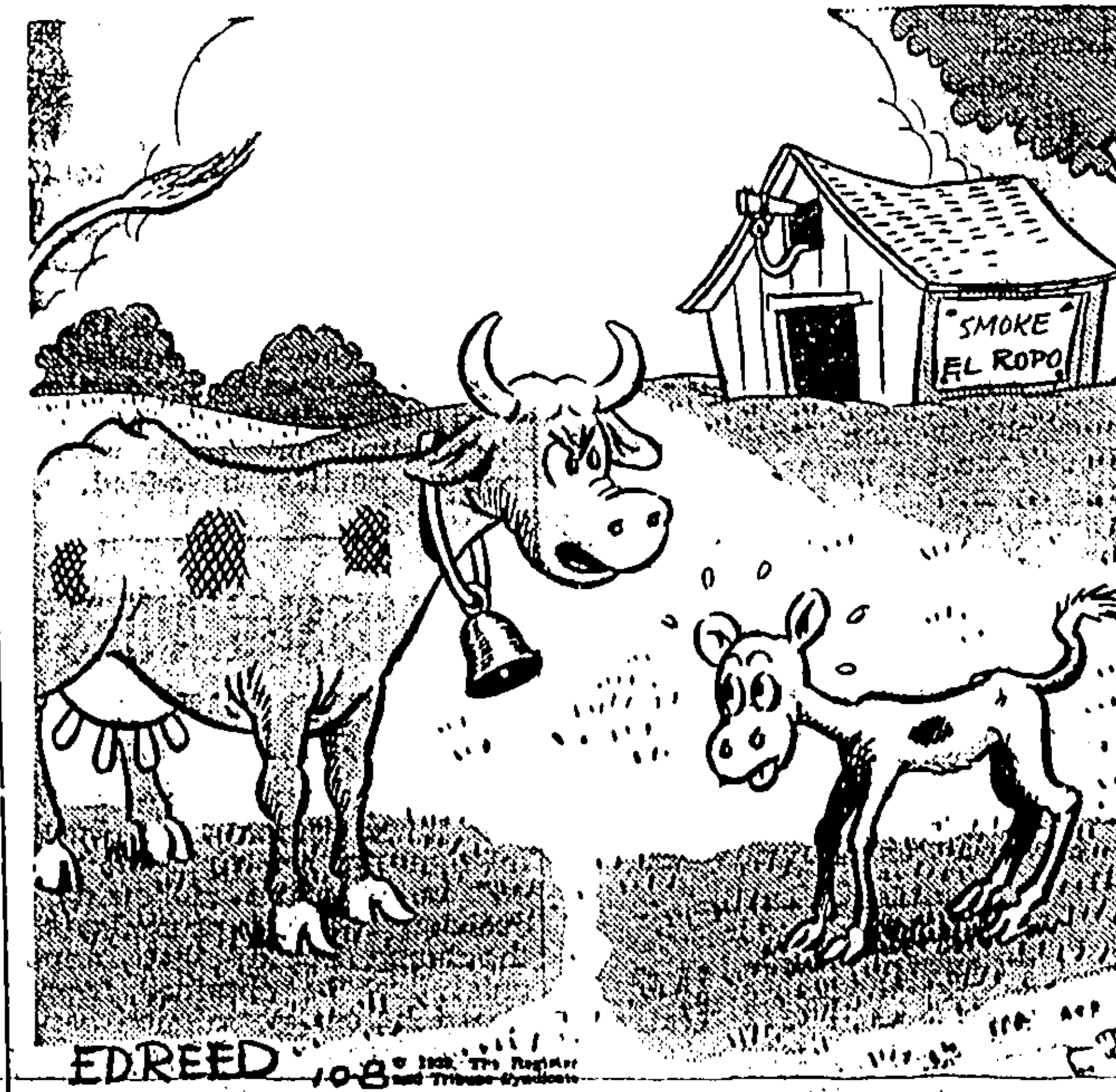
In one of the camps in England for Free French soldiers are four airmen who stole away at dawn one day from their aerodrome in Indo-China when France collapsed. They took care to make bookings at British bases to refuel.

On the last hop they crossed France, passing over Tours, where one of the young Frenchmen dropped a message for his mother to tell her he was safe and was on his way to join his comrades who had decided to fight on beside their British friends in the cause of liberty.

The young French airmen never tire of telling of their magnificent reception and the kindness they received every time they landed on a British aerodrome, and they hope that all those who helped them have learned of their safe arrival.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"After this when I ring the dinner bell—you get here on time!"

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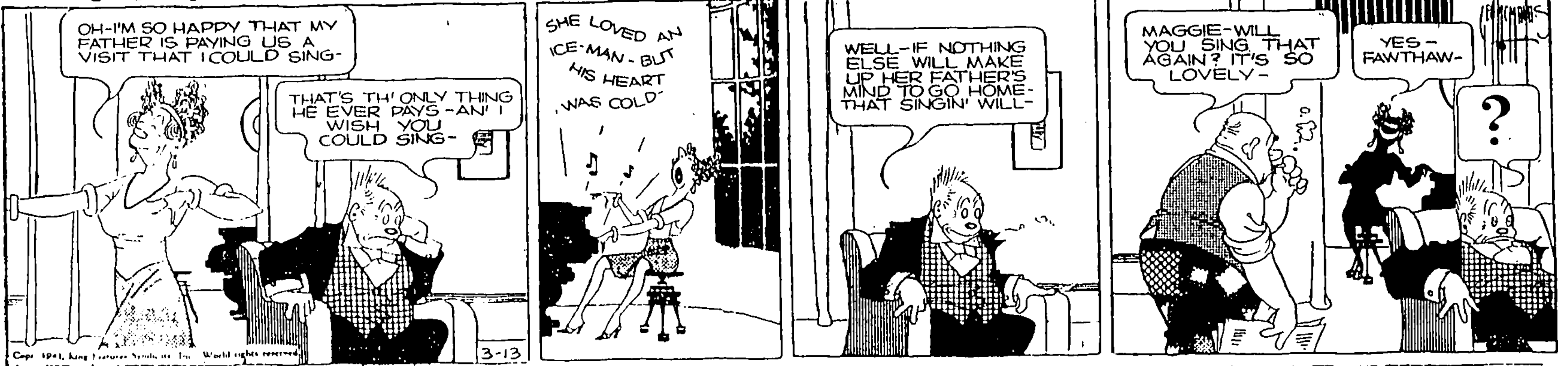
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Fashion Bares Midriffs During Day & Evening

The vogue for brief play clothes which bare one's midriff has met with popular approval. And so have evening gowns which consist of a respectable bra-top and full skirt on light-fitting waist-band. That means, my darlings, that the skin area from bosom to navel needs special sunning if it is to match in tone with that of your exposed chest, arms, face and back! Careful sunning is the answer.

If you decide to adopt these coyly-brazen fashions (which are delightful for the hotter days) you must be consistent in the models you choose for day and night. A two-piece bathing suit, bra and shorts, for sunning and swimming, and a gown modeled similarly, should be your choice. For the part you turn to the sun during the day must not be less than the part your gown reveals by night. You cannot call it beautiful when there is a definite line between lily white skin and the other party which has been really bronzed!



Midriff sun fashions, intriguing to say the least, demand anointing of skin with a soothing, efficacious lotion to screen the sun's scorching rays.

Area Delicate

The midriff area is delicate — it has been covered pretty constantly since you were born so it requires the exact same treatment that a baby's skin would get. It cannot stand the amount of sun at one time which the more conditioned areas can stand, and some of the prepared sun lotions and creams used for general sun screening will be too astringent or too heavy. For the first tannings use a mild, soft cream or lotion which would not harm a baby's skin. One of the finest for this purpose is an old-timer and an old favourite which comes in a white bottle with a blue top. Perhaps it is a favourite with you too.

Later, if you wish to encourage a deep, deep colour (which heaven forbid!) you may use one of the thicker formulas which contain some colouring.

For Men, Too

The particular sunburn lotion to which I refer has a very nice versatility for you may keep your skin as fair you desire, by applying it frequently as you sun or you may permit your skin to

take on colour by being sparing with it. Even the thinnest film filters the burning power of the sun but does allow the beneficial Vitamin D to reach your skin. The amount and frequency of application depends on two things — the sensitiveness of your skin, and the degree of tan you desire.

If a man in your family has the problem of a bald head under the sun he too, will like this sun lotion, for it is cooling and refreshing and seems to disappear as soon as it is rubbed over the skin surface. But nevertheless it does its job by keeping

his pate free of torturing sunburn and no ingredient in it will harm the few little hairs he still proudly possesses!

Midriff Sunning Good

Midriff sunning is good for you, by the by, whether you like the midriff fashions or not. An eminent doctor has voiced his opinion that sun on the stomach is beneficial for nervous stomach disorders. Many nerves centre there which respond gratefully to the relaxation of lying under the sun and the heat from it.



Bille Burke looks very cool and beguiling in her crisp white blouse, washable gloves and port sailor. A white china lily corsage adds another note of freshness.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's taken an awful beating during the day he means he's been held-up.

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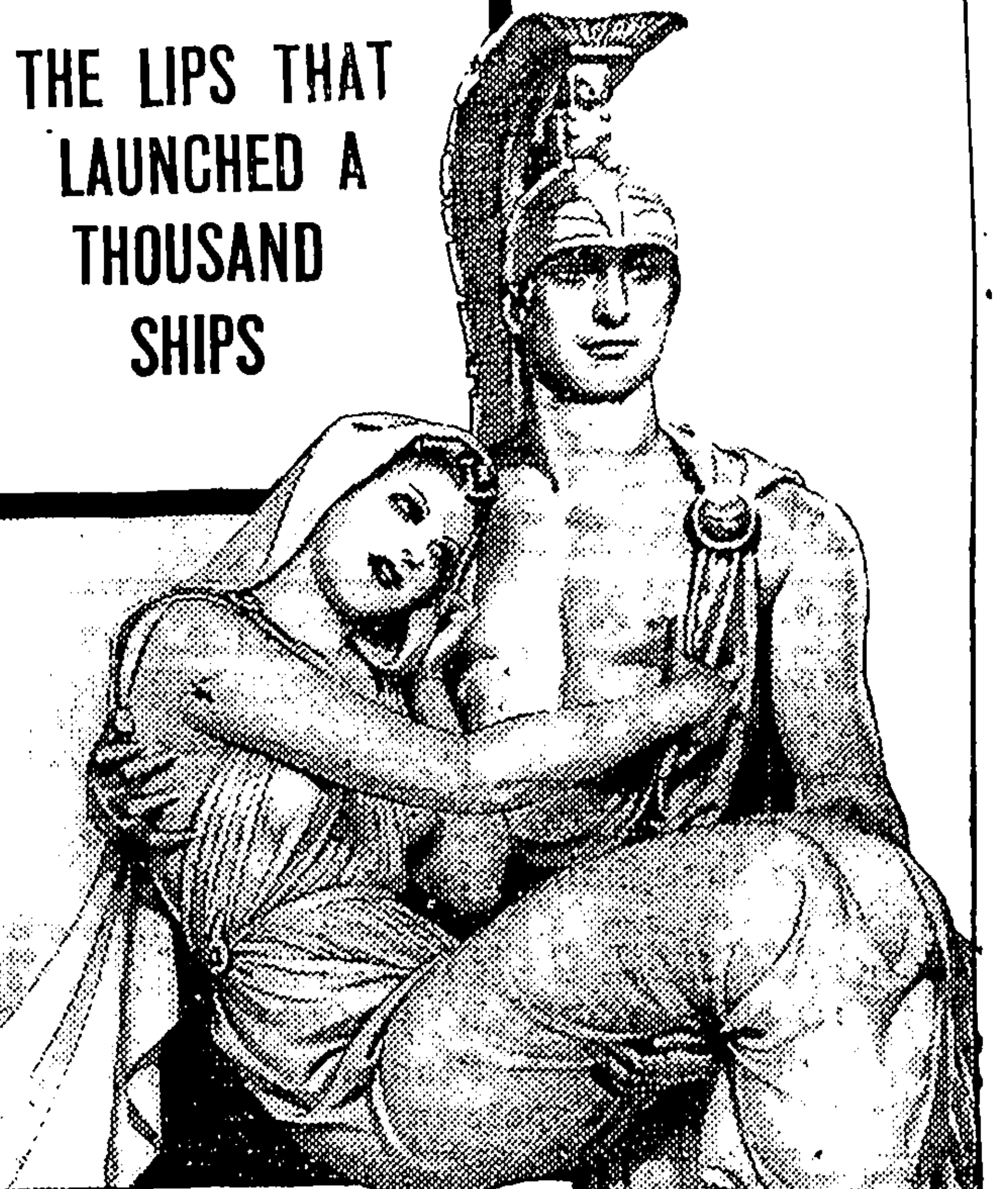


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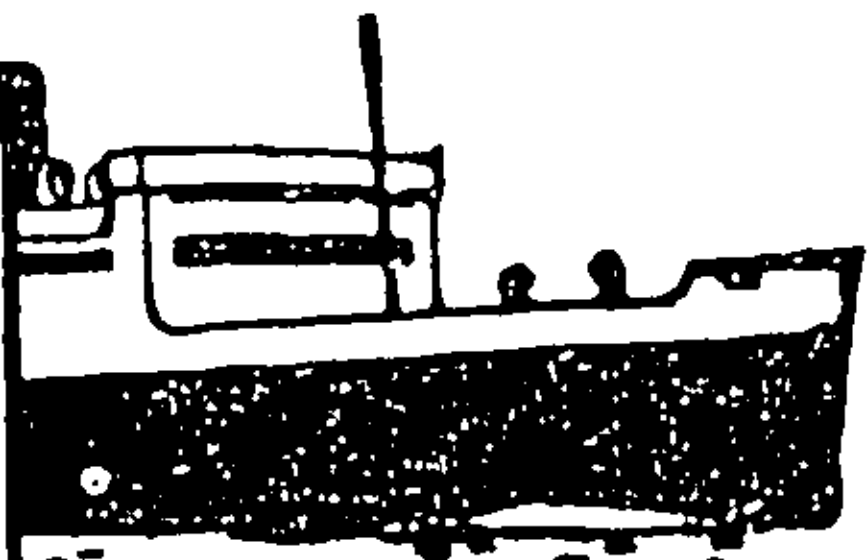
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12.30 p.m.—Cesar Franck — Sonata in A Major.

1st Mov. Allegretto ben moderato; 2nd Mov. Allegro; 3rd Mov. Recitative-Fantasia; 4th Mov. Allegretto poco mosso. Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Someday You'll Find Your Bluebird (from "The Bluebird"); Blue Lovebird (from "Lillian Russell"); Connie Boswell with Orch. Xylophone—Joey the Clown (Myers); Rio de Janeiro (de Gredos); Rudy Starita with Orchestra.

Vocal—The Yam Step, The Yam (both from film "Carefree"); Fred Astaire with Orchestra Mouth Organ & Vocal—You Can't Run Away from Love Tonight; Night Over Shanghai (both from film "The Singing Marine"); Larry Adler.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Stranger to a Cup of Tea; Love was Born (both from "Crazy Days"); Billy Mayerl & his Orch. Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven will be Heavily (film "Band Wagon"); Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels Jack Halton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Moon at Sea; Waltz—You Needn't Have Kept It a Secret—Romme Munro & his Orchestra Fox-Trot—It Seems Like Old Times; White Sails—Ruby Newman & his Orchestra.

Quick-Step—Walkin' Thru' Mockin' Bird Lane—Jack Payne & his Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.42 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists. Woodcutters Song (Khor, Breer) Whispering (Schonberger) Tea For Two ("No, No Nanette") In a Persian Market (Kettelbey).

6.45 p.m.—Moszkowski — "From Foreign Lands" Suite—State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—New Variety.

Vocal—My Sister and I (Kramer & others). Afraid to say Hello (Taylor—Arden). Bea Wain with Orch. Piano—The Lady Craves Attention (Carroll). Harlem (Carroll) Eddie Carroll.

Comedian—Sitting on the Ice in the Ice Rink (Cottrell). Why Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrell—Bennett). George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestra accompaniment.

Organ—Torch Parade, No. 3.

Intro—I can't love you any more; I'll never smile again, until I smile at you. Until you fall in love, I hear bluebirds, fools rush in. We'll go smiling along—Sidney Torch.

Vocal—Only Forever (film "Rhythm on the River")—Turner Layton and his Piano.

8.30 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme with Maxine Sullivan.

Fox-Trot—Swanee; Ole King Cole.

Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing.

I'm coming Virginia (Heywood & Cooke). Loch Lomond (arr. Thornhill) (both in Fox-Trot Tempo).

Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Watcha Know Joe? ... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Darling Nellie Grey (in Fox-Trot Tempo) Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—My Honey's Lovin' Arms; Quick-Step—Avalon Val Rosing & his Swing Stars.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Half an Hour of Popular Classics.

Tone-Poem "Finlandia"—Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius)—Leopold Stokowski & the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Le Cygne (Saint-Saens) ... Marcel Mule (alto saxophone) with Piano.

Where'er You Walk (Händel) ... John McCormack (Tenor) with Orch.

Eccosaise (Beethoven) ... Mischa Levitzki (Piano).

"Rosamunde"—Ballet Music No. 2, Op. 26 (Schubert) ... Serge Koussevitzky & the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Panis Angelicus (Gazzera-Grossi—Franck) ... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with State Opera Orchestra.

Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff) ... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Liszt—Hungarian Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra ... Jacques Dupont (Piano) and the Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

10.00 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Acts I & II. Singers in Order of appearance:—Corrado Zambelli, Bianca Scacciati, Ida Mannarini, Francesco Merli, Enrico Molinari, Giuseppina Zinetti, Enzo Arnaldi, Emilio Venturini and the Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

Factory-Made Ships May Solve Shipping Problem

(By A Special Correspondent)

PLANS FOR THE construction of fabricated ships in Britain have now reached an important stage.

The announcement has just been made of the registration of a new shipbuilding concern. It is called the Stockton Construction Company, Ltd. With a capital of £10,000, the company will carry out the construction of fabricated ships.

DODGED DEATH ON LAND, SEA

Seaman Mick Bray had twice known the horror of seeing pals struggle for life in icy seas. Once he had reached a lifeboat, only to be blown away again by the blast from an exploding ship.

Shipwrecked four times, and now he was offered the peace and comfort of a shore job.

Should he take it, or should he go back to sea?

He pondered over the matter as he sat drinking in an east coast port with a shipmate who had sailed with him for twenty-five years.

He decided that he would stay ashore while his pal made a six months trip then he would rejoin him.

Mick's pal never returned. He had answered the call of the sea for the last time.

Weeks later Mick again sat in the "local."

Around him, seamen talked of voyages and ships.

Mick thought of his old pal, drank his pint and went.

Regulars in the room looked at each other; it was unusual for Mick to leave so early.

It had been the cautioning call of the sea before — now Mick heard the warning voice of fate.

As he entered the street the sirens sounded and there was the noise of falling bombs. One crashed into the room in which Mick had sat only two minutes before.

People were buried, some were killed. Mick was unhurt.

HE CAN TEACH WOMEN HOW TO KNIT

Women cannot compete with Mr. Albert Bunney, of Burney, Lancs., who can knit a pair of socks a day, and is well on the way to finishing his 200th pair for the local Mayor's Fund.

Mr. Bunney, now fifty-eight, was taught knitting at the age of eleven by his three sisters to keep him out of mischief.

His treatment as a prisoner of war in Germany during the last war so affected his health that he was only able to do occasional jobs.

"I make all the jerseys, gloves and caps required by my wife and two daughters," he told the "Daily Mirror." "I use small needles."

These vessels can be assembled at yards from material constructed elsewhere.

The construction of fabricated ships, which was adopted as an expedient in the last war to replace heavy losses, has received the approval of the Admiralty.

Several steel constructional firms, many of them bridge builders, are taking part in the scheme. Old shipyards that have been closed for years are being equipped as assembly establishments. The ships will be of standardised design.

Steel firms have already received large contracts for sections, which will be assembled in the yards.

Efforts are being made to perfect a type of ship which will allow construction in large numbers and in the shortest possible time.

Shipments have already been made to Great Britain from abroad of "ships in sections."

Vessels have arrived in Britain recently with cargoes entirely composed of such sections, which can, on delivery at a shipyard, be rapidly assembled.

This represents another way in which more ships are being added to our merchant fleet over and above construction at home and in the Dominion yards, the recent placing of orders for 60 ships in the U.S.A. and the purchase from the U.S.A. of old cargo steamers.

"Ships in sections" is a further advance on fabrication.

The "straight-framed" or rather, fabricated, ship was introduced during the last war in order that the production of shipping should be accelerated, and so that a large number of firms engaged in constructional work not directly associated with shipbuilding should be brought into the service of the nation.

When the Admiralty announced several weeks ago that fabricated ships were to be built, it was revealed that steel works were ready to perform their part of the work.

I understand that shipbuilders are giving their utmost support to this move on the part of the authorities, which gives promise of greatly increasing the output of cargo ships.

A.R.P. TURNED DOWN OBJECTOR

When Wilfred Gibbons, carpenter, of Chatfield Road, Croydon, made his third appearance at the London Objectors' Tribunal, he said he had applied for A.R.P. work with Croydon Corporation and was told they did not employ conscientious objectors. He applied for land work, and was told that objectors were being dismissed. The case was again adjourned.

he said, "and I don't work jerkily or let go of the needles."

"Far too many women use long needles and take their hands off them at every stitch. The result is that their knitting is a slow and nerve-racking business, instead of being a soothing hobby."

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Two sisters saved their home in a South Coast village with a stirrup pump they had bought less than twelve hours before a raider scattered fire bombs.

Visiting a neighbouring town, the sisters, named Davis, bought the pump at a fire station.

'UNCLE SAM A GOOD POSTMAN'

"Uncle Sam is a good postman—he will not have his mails robbed or delivered to the wrong address," said Lieut.-Commander R. Fletcher, M.P., referring to deliveries from U.S. under the Lease-and-Lend Bill.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, was speaking at Bristol.

"It has been a slowly growing perception that Hitler threatens the world that has brought America to our aid," he said. "And if the American people have decided that it is vital to their self-interests to supply us with munitions, we can safely trust it to their logical minds to see that those munitions reach us."

Vital Atlantic

"Shipping and convoy are the major war problems of to-day. The North-Western approaches are the main battleground. Our gains on the Mediterranean swings will be of no avail if we lose them on the Atlantic roundabouts."

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, speaking at Exmouth said the next few months will see a great speed-up of the war. On sea, on land and in the air events will move at a quickening pace.

The Armed Forces and the Civil Defence services, the Merchant Navy and hospital, medical and nursing services, and the whole population would have fresh claims made upon their courage, endurance and skill.

No Fifth Column

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, said at Tunbridge Wells: "There is no Fifth Column in this country and Hitler knows that if he comes here he will be met by a united people, and he will get an extremely warm reception."

After stressing the importance of the food services, he concluded: "I think our success will depend on the ability of the people to take responsibility without waiting for orders."

STEADY MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday but generally steady, business being largely confined to selective investment buying of industrials, which occasionally were higher. Gilt-edged and home rails moved narrowly; oils were dull, apart from some enquiry for Mexican Eagles, and Kaffirs closed steady at slightly lower levels. Among foreign issues Japanese and Egyptian bonds eased slightly. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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A fine view of the Dunthwaite estate near Cockermouth, left to the National Trust by the Rev. Daniel Harrison, who died last September. There are 427 acres including the house at Dunthwaite (1785), Shepherdfield Cottage (1739), and Kirkhouse Farm. The estate, which is two miles from the foot of Basenthwaite Lake, is bounded for over a mile by the River Derwent, which lies at the foot of the hill from which the picture was taken. Mr. Harrison was the last representative of a family which had lived there since 1696, and the National Trust has undertaken to preserve the estate as he wished.

WHAT FRENCH REFUGEES THINK ABOUT IT ALL

THE LOT OF THE French refugees is a bitter one. They were compelled to fly from their country after the last sensational collapse in history. They are bewildered still, hardly able to believe their senses, with behind them tradition of centuries trampled underfoot in a few days.

To begin to realise their feelings the Britisher should try to imagine himself landing in America, after losing everything, with his country conquered by an enemy.

After the first gasping for breath, French writers have come forth eagerly, but many of their computations here think too hastily, with books to tell us why and how the collapse happened. Each book is marked by characteristic French logic, but the well-worked out conclusions are not the same. One famous writer, hitherto a great admirer of England, who founded his reputation and fortune on books about English character and persons famous in British history, has surprised his friends both British and French by his attitude, ungenerously trying to shift blame to British shoulders and expressing views that have been all too familiar coming from the enemy camp. Another writer paints a picture of disaster made possible by the machinations of certain wealthy people who, he would have us believe, preferred to see their land in the hands of an enemy rather than run the risk of losing their money, though the risk were surely greater in the case of conquest by the enemy. It surely does not follow, as many Frenchmen now in England point out that an admirer of totalitarian methods is ready to hand over his country to a foreigner. Jones, a small trader, may admire the methods of Brown, the big trader, and think his business might more surely prosper through methods similar to those employed by Brown; but that does not mean he would like to see his business gobbled up by Brown. By similar logic the totalitarian movement could be proved to be nothing more than a dastardly plot to ruin the brewer and the publican and deprive potmen and barmaids of their jobs.

The truth lies nearer the fact that in a ghastly melee the French were knocked out by surprise methods of the use of the tank—methods which caught us by surprise, the inventors of the tank—to say nothing of the withdrawal of the whole Belgian army. Under this avalanche decisions had to be taken by men in power while German planes were overhead and German bombs falling round the council chamber.

Frenchmen in exile feel to-day that both Vichy and Paris are puppets of the Germans. They are the right hand and left hand controlled both by the German victor's mind. Paris, the right hand, more rapid and responsive to the victor's will than Vichy, the left hand.

Vichy is not free, says the French exile, and therefore does not represent France. Paris is entirely under German control and nothing that comes out of Paris is anything but German. Stories of possible sympathy for "collaboration" with Germany are unreliable to the extreme. For more than a century the French have detested the Germans. Suffice it to say that the French have an everyday expression in their language by which they qualify a quarrel sought without justification, "une querelle d'Allemand"—a German quarrel.

The French exile looks upon the present as but a passing phase, feeling sure that the traditions of liberty, the right of every man to a voice in the destiny of his country cannot pass away. Every letter that is smuggled out of France, every refugee who escapes bring the same tale of hate for the Germans.

What the exile thinks about the servile press of France is that 90 per cent. of those who turn out German-inspired "copy" do not believe a word of what they are writing, and signs are not lacking of deliberate exaggeration of the German point of view to a point where it draws ridicule on the German masters. It is the work of journalists actuated by fear for their own safety and the safety of those dependent upon them.

The exiles are convinced of one thing, that Great Britain will be victorious. Until that end is reached, in which so many Frenchmen are bearing an honourable part in Africa and elsewhere, they ask that indulgence be shown in any judgment of their country in their hour of bitter trial.

SAFE IF YOU ARE UNCONSCIOUS

You can't have a summons served on you if you are unconscious. That may not be much consolation—you might even prefer a summons to being knocked unconscious—but it is a fact.

This was made clear at Chertsey Sessions, when a charge of driving without due care and attention was dismissed.

The prosecution was a sequel to a fatal car crash in which the defendant, driver of one of the cars involved, was injured.

Not "Delivered"

Police tried to serve a summons on him while he was in hospital. As he was unconscious, the summons was left with a staff nurse to pass on to him.

The Bench ruled that a summons must be served either personally or by registered post, that in this case it had not been, and dismissed the case.

It is doubtful whether those people whose friends say they are unconscious all the time could escape summons-servings on these grounds.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

GOOD SUPPORT FOR THE WATER-POLO TOURNAMENTS

By "Squaddy"

FOLLOWING TEAMS have entered for the Small Units Water Polo competition, and this year the large number of teams should make this competition very interesting.

27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (1); 27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (2); 12th Coast Bty., R.A.; H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt.; A Coy., Middlesex Regt.; 30th Coast Bty., R.A.; 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.; H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots; C Coy., Royal Scots; B Coy., Middlesex Regt.; D Coy., Royal Scots; 36th Coast Bty., R.A.; 965th Bty., R.A.; 24th Coast Bty., R.A.; D Coy., Middlesex Regt.; C Coy., Middlesex Regt.; H.K. Signal Coy.; B Coy., Royal Scots and A Coy., Royal Scots.

Following is the draw for this competition, first round must be completed before June 7, and second round by June 28.

FIRST ROUND

24th Coast Bty., R.A. v D Coy., Middlesex Regt.
C Coy., Middlesex Regt. v H.K. Signal Coy.
B Coy., Royal Scots v A Coy., Royal Scots

SECOND ROUND

27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (2) v 12th Coast Bty., R.A.
H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt. v A Coy., Middlesex Regt.
30th Coast Bty., R.A. v 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.
H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots v 27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (1)
C Coy., Royal Scots v B Coy., Middlesex Regt.
D Coy., Royal Scots v 36th Coast Bty., R.A.
965th Coast Defence Bty., v either 24th Coast Bty., R.A. or D Coy., Middlesex Regt.

Winners of C Coy., Middlesex Regt. and H.K. Signal Coy. v Winners of B Coy., Royal Scots and A Coy., Royal Scots.

Seven teams have entered for the Large Units competition, these being the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.; 3th Coast Regt., R.A.; 12th Coast Regt., R.A.; H.K. Signal Coy.; Royal Scots; Middlesex Regt. and Combined Small Units.

This year H.K. Signal Coy. are entering a team of their own for this competition. Combined Small Units team will not be allowed to play any of their team in this competition.

The draw is as follows:

FIRST ROUND

8th Coast Regt., R.A. v 2nd Royal Scots.
H.K. Signal Coy. v 12th Coast Regt., R.A.
Middlesex Regt. v Combined Small Units.

Semi-Final

5th A.A. Regt., R.A. v winners of first named match.
Winners of H.K. Signal Coy. and 12th Coast Regt., R.A. v winners of Middlesex Regt. and Combined Small Units.

The first round to be played off before August 2. Semi-Final before August 9.

The rules for these competitions will be as laid down in the Hong Kong Area Sports Board Handbook, and the "No Ducking" rule will be adhered to throughout the competition.

Extra Time

In the event of a draw, one period of three minutes each way will be played with one minute for half time.

In the event of the score still being equal a replay of the match will take place.

The following is the list of recognised referees

Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots), Pte. Davidson (Royal Scots), P.S.M. Ure (Middlesex), L/Cpl. Bindon (Middlesex), Sgt. Baker (Middlesex), Bdm. Hymas (Middlesex), Pte. Jennings (Middlesex), Cpl. Bedford (Signals), L/Cpl. Dignan (Signals), Sig. McCann (Signals), Sig. Willis (Signals), Sgt. McLaren (Signals) and Cpl. Nicols (R.A.M.C.).



CRICKETERS' FORM AIR SQUADRON

Cricketers in India, where Maharashtra have retained the Inter-Provincial championship by beating Madras, are, through the Indian States Sports Federation, establishing a Ranji Air Squadron in memory of the late Ranjitsinhji, India's famous cricketer.

The present Maharajah, Jam Sahab of Nawanagar, Ranji's successor, is patron of the fund which he has started with a gift of £10,000 and Prince Duleepsinhji, his brother, is Treasurer. —Reuter.



I.R.C.'S BIG VICTORY

In the only First Division League tennis match played yesterday, Indian R.C. beat the H.K.C.C. by nine sets to nil.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) beat Shields Goodman and M. Pugh 6-2.
beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-3.
beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-3.
A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu (I.R.C.) lost to Goodman and Pugh 2-6.
beat Oxlade and Barwell 6-2.
beat Monaghan and Gould 6-6.
I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kit-chell (I.R.C.) lost to Goodman and Pugh 0-6.
lost to Oxlade and Barwell 2-6.
beat Monaghan and Gould 7-5.
Owing to volunteer duties, the Kowloon C.C. - Recreation match was postponed, while that between South China and Chinese R.C. was also not played.

ARMY TENNIS

Two matches in the "A" Division of the Army League were decided at Sookumpoo yesterday, when F. A. Staff defeated Royal Army Ordnance Corps by two points to one, while Royal Army Medical Corps received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals. S/Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) lost to W. A. Reed and F. A. Hus-sain, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6.
Sgt. Boocock and Gardner (R.A.O.C.) beat A. W. Galpin and G. Navey, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.
Wardle and Stoner (R.A.O.C.) lost to H. W. Browne and G. B. Gurevitch, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

There will be only two matches in the Second Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, when Civil Service Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association will meet Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Cricket Club respectively.

The match between South China and Chinese Recreation Club has been postponed, owing to the unfitness of ground of the home team.

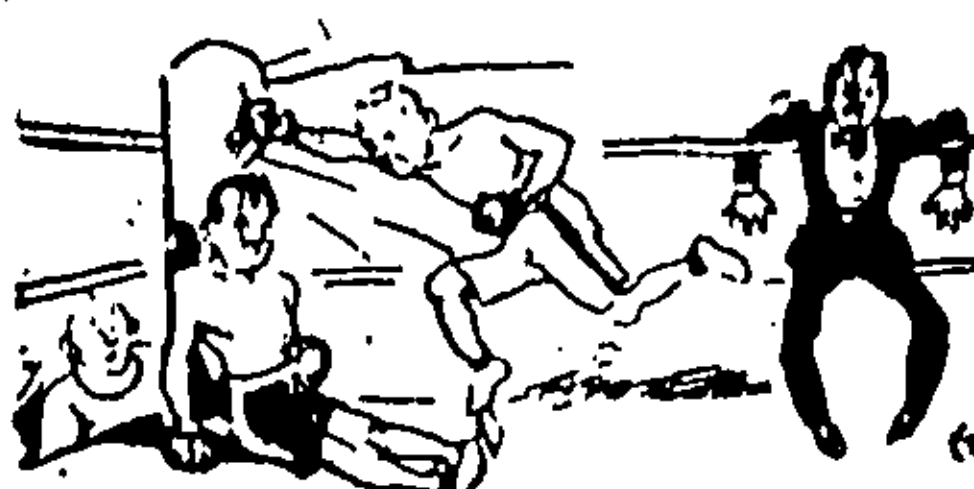
Following are some of the teams for to-day's matches.
C.S.C.C.—I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendali; B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; M. Yaskin and C. Sloan.
K.C.C.—A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; F. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge; N. A. E. Mackay and F. J. Kengelbacker.

A. J. OSMUND BEATEN

A billiards and snooker match took place yesterday at Tsimshat-sui when the Water Police Station entertained Recreio and won 703-609.

A. J. Osmund, former Colony billiards champion, playing for the Portuguese, lost to C. Pile by nine.

After the match, Mr. D. Terren gave an exhibition of snooker.
Snooker: J. Campbell beat C. Roza Pereira 97-60; W. Morris lost to E. M. Soares 79-110; L. Haynes beat C. Cunha 109-30; S. Bradwell beat J. C. Remedios 118-70.



COMING BRITISH BOXERS

Now seems to me an appropriate moment for assessing the prospects of some of our young boxers, writes Jimmy Wilde, ex-Flyweight Champion of the World.

Youngsters strongly fancied to win British titles are Harry Lazar, welter-weight; Harry Groves, lightweight; and Jimmy Lyden, the new bantam-weight star from Bootle.

Lazar tells me he doesn't think he will remain in the light-weight class much longer. He met Frankie Jackson, a Wembley kennel boy, at the Cambridge Theatre, W., recently.

Tom Reddington v Geo. Markwick, Johnny Ward v Billy Charlton, and Dave McCleave v Jim Laverick were other fights in that programme.

Curiously, both Lazar and Lyden have suffered but one reverse. Lazar was disqualified in the first round at Hackney, when opposing Frankie Jackson, and Lyden was ruled out in similar circumstances at Liverpool.

The Bootle lad has won 25 out of 26 contests. Not so long ago Lyden out-pointed Peter Kane, thus bringing his name bang into the news.

Lyden's father used to fight at the old Liverpool Stadium when Major Wilson was in charge.

Lazar is 18, and I feel confident he will be difficult to beat when he has matured.

Groves is skilful in defence, and, since he entered the professional ranks has an unblemished record. He seems destined to win a title.

ALWAYS KEPT FIT

One of the most finished ring artists was Jack Hood, of Birmingham, who held the British welter-weight title for eight years, and relinquished the honour in 1934, when he retired from the ring.

Hood's three fights with Len Harvey for the latter's British middle-weight championship were duels of strategy.

The first, in October, 1929, Harvey won on points over 15 rounds.

Hood was dissatisfied, and two months later he met Harvey in a return. This took place at Olympia, and the referee decided upon a draw, which was a fair reflex of the fight. In June, 1931, they met at the Albert Hall, and Harvey rightly received a points verdict.

Jeff Dickson, American promoter, owed a great deal to Hood, because the Birmingham boxer was Dickson's dependable "stand-by."

On one occasion Dickson was in a dilemma. He had matched Harvey with Vince Dundee, whom Dickson had brought from America, and the fight was booked to take place at the White City.

As Dundee had obtained two decisions over Harvey in New York, there was exceptional interest in the match, it being thought that Len would be able to obtain his revenge. Three days before the date of the fight, however, Harvey was taken ill and compelled to cancel his appearance.

Dickson pondered. "It's O.K.," he said, smilingly. "Jack Hood will fill the breach."

Jack had done no training for many months. Wisely he refused to do a day's gymnasium work, saying that it would stiffen his muscles. He was right. And what a grand battle he put up to share honours with Dundee at the finish!

Nursing his strength, he made Dundee carry the fight to him. Then, standing upright, Hood made his opponent miss again and again. When he had Dundee tired, Hood joined in fighting.

Hood also acted as deputy for Harvey against another clever American, Dave Shade, and held him to a draw. A return ended similarly. These two fights took place at the Albert Hall.

CHESS

BIRIUKOFF IN STRONG POSITION

The Colony Junior Chess Championship came very near to a standstill last week, three games being completed and 20 left unfinished or to be played as the tournament chart pointed to the fact that the Tournament should have officially closed on Thursday.

Biriukoff remains in what appears to be an unassailable lead and holds a better position than To Yu-lau, his nearest challenger, in their adjourned game. Danenberg challenges for second place should To lose the game.

Results last week were: R. C. Danenberg beat V. V. Kolatchoff, Un Kwai-yung beat Wm. Lee and J. Grefalda beat J. H. d'Almeida.

Table To Date

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Un Kwai-yung	12	8	1	3	8½
A. Y. Biriukoff	9	7	1	1	7½
A. Kurrik	12	7	3	3	7½
H. C. Danenberg	10	6	2	2	7
J. Grefalda	11	5	2	4	6
To Yu-lau	7	4	2	1	5
V. V. Kolatchoff	9	5	0	4	5
E. M. Petrove	10	3	2	5	4
Wm. Lee	9	3	1	5	3½
R. C. Gardner	7	2	1	4	2½
A. Morton	8	1	1	4	1½
J. H. d'Almeida	11	1	0	10	1

HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week:

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

War Cup Final Replay
Preston v Arsenal
London Cup Semi-finals
Reading v Crystal Palace
Tottenham v Brentford

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v Portsmouth
Millwall v Fulham
Cardiff v Wolves
Leicester v Northampton
Queen's Park v West Ham
Walsall v West Bromwich

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH CHALLENGE MATCH

Brighton v Watford

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v Chester
Bolton v Oldham
Bury v Manchester City
Liverpool v Everton

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL

Rangers v Patrick

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE Monday Cup

Aldershot v Brentford
Crystal v Reading
Queen's Park v Fulham
Leicester v Notts F.
Portsmouth v Southampton

HAMPSHIRE CUP FINAL

West Ham v Millwall

NORTH REGIONAL

Everton v Liverpool
Blackpool v Preston North End

—Reuter.

FORMOSA-P.I. SWIMMING OFF

The annual Philippines-Formosa swimming meet, which was scheduled to be held in Formosa this year, was formally called off last week by the Formosan Athletic Association, because no definite answer was received to the invitation which was extended to the Philippines in December 23, 1940.

The Association announced that preparations had been going on despite Philippine silence but the proximity of the opening date caused cancellation.

The meet had been held six times in the past. —Dornel.

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A GOLF IDOL WHO INSPIRED HIS COUNTRYMEN

IN 1926 JOSE JURADO made his first appearance before the British golfing public, and this colourful personality was soon a favourite with the gallery," writes Henry Cotton, Winner of Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937.

Argentine owes a lot to this former Buenos Aires caddy, for through his courage and skill his keen sporting country took a leading place in the golf world. In fact, to day their professional team would easily rank third in international golf.

Although slight in built, Jose drove a very long putt, but to do so he fairly threw himself at the ball and his action, so vicious and unorthodox, appealed very much to the gallery. At the end of a long drive, he practically tied himself in a knot.

With his iron shots Jose took the biggest and deepest divots ever seen on British courses, and with a large-headed, thin-bladed niblick he played exquisite pitch shots, which were always accompanied by a huge clod of earth. And his painstaking putting was first-class.

A Fine Record

Jose enjoyed his successful trips to Great Britain, for on his first three visits he finished sixth, fifth, and was runner-up in our Open Championship—a fine record. He should have won in 1931 at Carnoustie, where he faltered on the last two holes, took 77 in the final round, and then lost by only a stroke. Hard luck!

His success abroad inspired all South Americans, and the standard of play obviously already high, to produce such a golfer improved greatly. Later, during a visit to the United States, he shook them all there by nearly winning their title.

I had many interesting talks with Jose during his visits to England, and when Aubrey Boomer and I arranged to visit the Argentine in 1929-30 he was very proud to show us his magnificent home club, where he had started as a caddy boy and was now professional.

Brilliant Team-Mates

Many of Jose's former caddies now beat him, for they have developed into great golfers. Although at 42 he is not a veteran, Jose has not had the best of health during the past few years, and many of the younger ones have overtaken him. This is no disgrace, for they are grand players.

Jose last visited us in 1939 with an Argentine team, but he did not play on the final day in the Open, and was rather overshadowed by the brilliance of Martin Pose, one of his young team mates, who made a grand impression on his first visit. Pose will make golfing history in the same way as did his older and distinguished colleague.

The Latin temperament, considered too excitable for good golf, can be controlled, as Jose and his colleagues have shown, although the fact that he missed a lifetime's opportunity at Carnoustie has been held against him. However, dozens of the toughest and alleged coolest players have faltered at the last hurdle, and at Carnoustie they have my sympathy, for it is the most cruel finish of all.



HOGAN COMPARED TO JONES

Horton Smith believes Ben Hogan's golfing performance for the last two years has been as phenomenal—in a different way—as Bobby Jones' record when the Atlantan was monopolising championships.

"That isn't taking anything away from Jones," smiled the handsome Smith as he relaxed after the rigorous international four-ball tournament.

Different Light

"I don't believe Jones' achievements will be equalled in our lifetime, but you must analyse him and Hogan in an entirely different light.

"Jones concentrated on major tournaments and won them. Hogan and many of the other professionals, however, are striving for consistent low scores week by week the year round.

"It has almost reached the point where victories are incidental. Naturally, Hogan and every other golfer want to win, but he would prefer to finish near the top in tournament after tournament than to win the national open and make a poor showing the rest of the year.

"At the moment Ben is recognised as golf's top player. Until he and Gene Sarazan won the fourball, Hogan hadn't finished first in a 1941 tournament. Yet he was the top money winner and had the best average score during 1940 and is leading in both departments again this year.

Achieving Goal

"He is achieving his goal, and it is a remarkable thing when you consider the great calibre and quantity of his competition." Smith, a keen student of golf, turned to an analysis of his own game. In his four-ball semi-final match, Horton went into an amazing putting streak during which he scored birdies on seven out of 10 holes over the difficult Miami Biltmore course.

"The touch came to me suddenly," said Smith. "I had been playing worse this season than in years, chiefly because poor putting had undermined my confidence.

"Even if it meant the loss of tournaments, I would much rather play consistently well than to have one of these occasional brilliant streaks."

FAMOUS GOLFING BROTHERS

(By HENRY COTTON, Winner of

Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937)

Youngest of three famous golfing brothers, Reginald Arthur Whitcombe owes much to the example and encouragement of Ernest and Charles; but the fact that all of them were so good stood repeatedly in the path of Reginald's chances of becoming a regular Ryder Cup player.

The three brothers for a long time were good enough to be in the first eight players in Great Britain.

For a number of years these modest brothers won golf's biggest professional prizes, and beat consistently players whose names were household words, without quite winning the mantle of champion for themselves.

Then, in 1938, Reg. won the Open Championship and at last a Whitcombe had put this famous golfing name on the cup.

When the selectors met to pick our international team Reg. was the unlucky Whitcombe. For a long time he was regarded as a brilliant golfer, liable to do a 64 or a 66, but not good enough to win. In fact, it almost grew up with him that he was the third Whitcombe.

Since his win in the Open at St. George's, he established himself as Whitcombe No. 1, although it can be claimed that his brothers, at 50 and 45 years of age respectively, may be losing their competition keenness.

Reg. is a big, hefty fellow and he hits the ball a long way.

All Or Nothing

In 1933 I asked Reg. to be my partner when the "News of the World" accepted a challenge from the backers of the two South Africans, Sid Brown and Bobby Locke, to play a 72-hole for £500 a side. It was all or nothing. If we lost we got nothing and had to pay our own expenses.

The match at Walton Heath was played at a snail's pace, each of the four rounds taking nearly four hours.

After I had asked Reg. to play, and he had accepted, he won the championship, which gave the match added interest. He had been playing well, but somehow we were both below our form in the big match, and only our experience enabled us to combine well enough to keep our opponents within range.

I thought the slow pace was annoying Reg, but when we came to the last nine holes and the strain was telling he began to hit the ball better, and we won on the post by 2 and 1.

I shall always remember the way he backed up my effort in those last nine holes, and he contributed largely to our final success on the "run in."

Reg. uses the same type of grip on the club as his two brothers, and addresses the ball in a confident, definite manner. His last touchdown of the club-head behind the ball gives me the impression that he knows exactly what he is going to do when the moment comes to make the shot.

His putting is sound and, like most first-class players, it can be brilliant at times. I like his spoon shots best, but he is a good player from the tee and claims the mashie as his favourite club.

CRICKET DAY

They laid out a cricket pitch on the Trinity College football field at Harstford Conn. on May 24 so that all the British boys living in New England could celebrate Empire Day in a fitting manner.

A typically English pavilion was erected near by so that non-cricketers could sip tea while watching the match between the refugee youths, and a team of American youths familiar with the game.

ASSOCIATION THAT HELPED NOW UNABLE TO CONTINUE

THE FUTURE of American national amateur tennis well might hang in the balance.

In the past, California racket representatives have been fortunate enough to make remarkable showings in national competition. Among these are Ellsworth Vines, Don Budge, Johnny Doeg, national singles champs; Gene Mako, Ted Schroader, and Jack Kramer, national doubles champions.

These and other victories were made possible largely through the financial aid of the Southern California Tennis Association, which sent outstanding local players to the East to participate in large tournaments.

Gerald C. Young, president of the association, announced recently that because of "substantially reduced revenue," this activity would have to be dropped.

Drop In Profits

This association, an outgrowth of the Pacific Southwest championship tournament, is sponsored by a group of philanthropic sportsmen who have the good of the sport alone in mind. Although these men undoubtedly contribute generously from their own pockets, much of its money is derived from gate receipts at these tournaments. Recently, perhaps because of the absence of European headliners, the tournament has not drawn as well, therefore the drop in profits.

It is lamentable that the action of the Association was found necessary. It is lamentable both for Southern California tennis players who may not get the chance to compete in national tournaments and it is lamentable for the game as a whole, which will not be able to benefit by Western players, who, like their predecessors, might be able to make the championship grade.

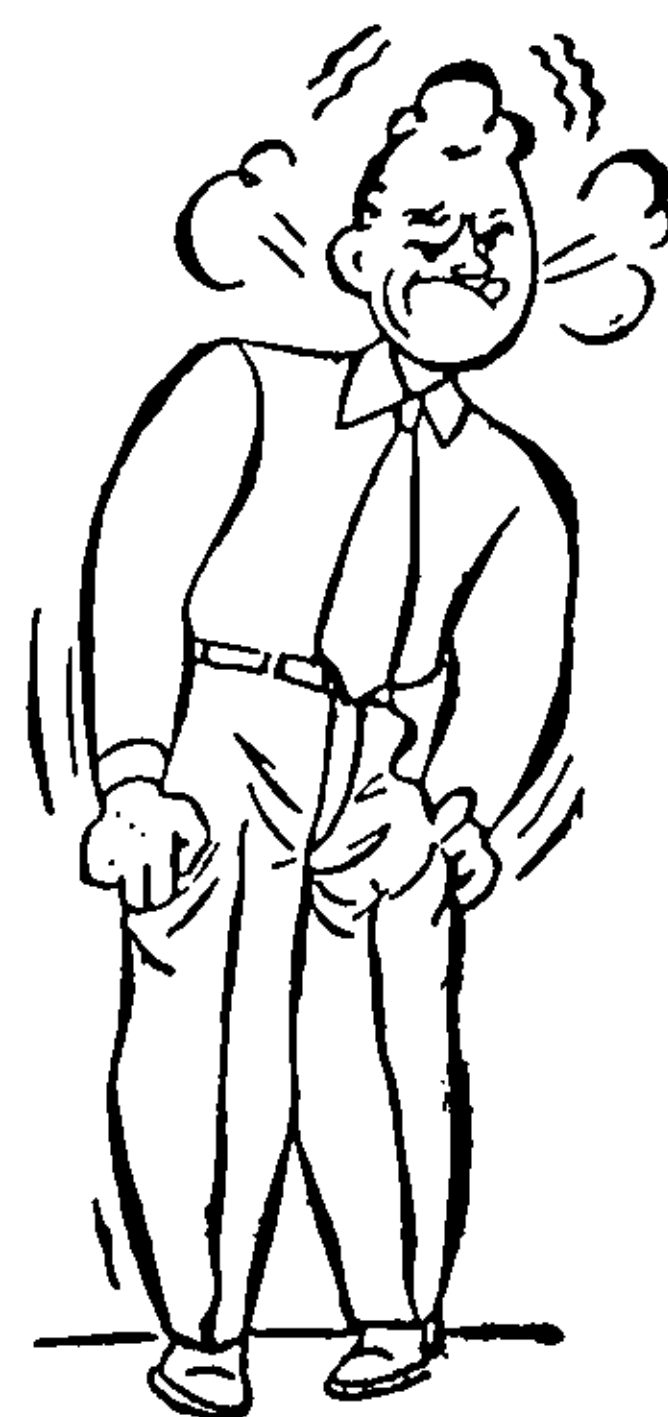
explained, played with a vast amount of skill. It was a real thriller.

Cardiff "schoolboys," as the crowd nicknamed them, took an early grip on the game, and held on to their advantage with grim determination, which won for them the admiration of spectators.

Moore, in obtaining two goals for Cardiff, brought his total for the season to 32, and "Jackie" Burns scored a real beauty.

This youthful Cardiff side—nine of them are under 20—more than upheld the great traditions of the club. The other two players supplied the necessary balance, and when I mention that one of them was "Jackie" Burns, the old Brentford favourite, at right-half, London fans will readily realise what I mean. Granville, at right-back, was the other stalwart.

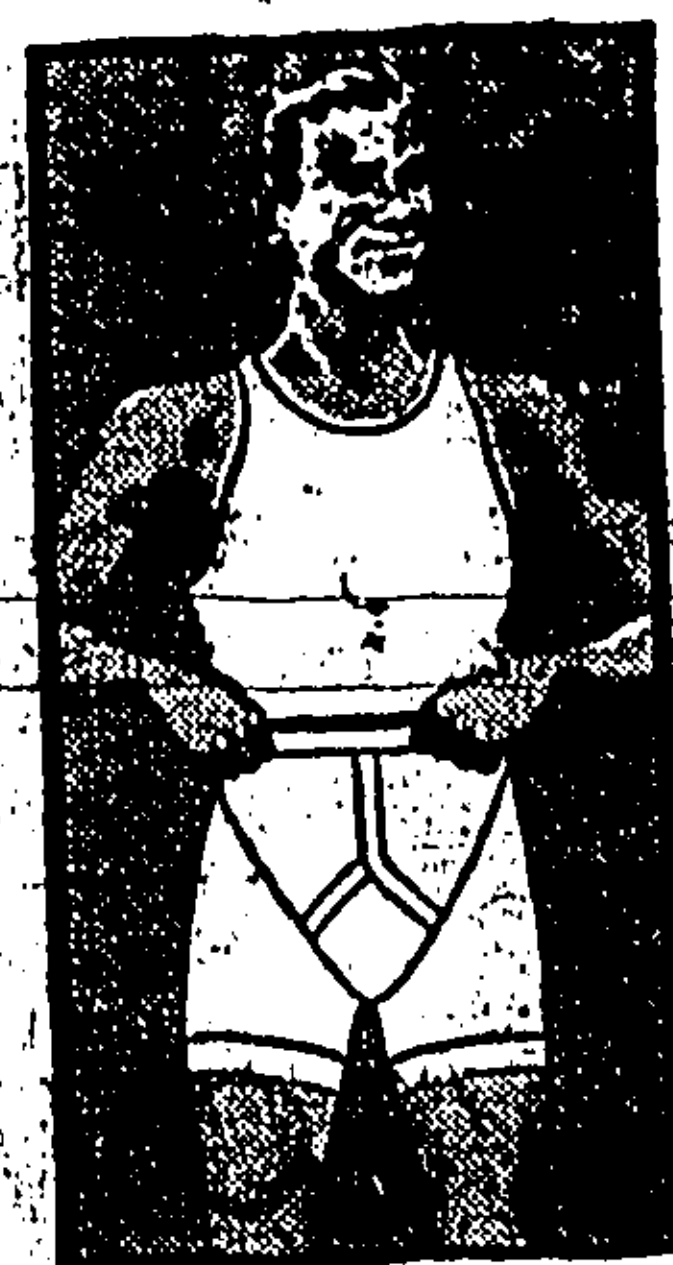
It was typical cup-tie football, strenuous and fast, and, as I have



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DOZENS OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

R.A.F. Intervention In The Crete Fighting

Havoc Among The Troop Carriers

BAER'S TITLE CLAIM

The District of Columbia Boxing Commission, after hearing the complaint of Ancil Hoffman, Buddy Baer's manager, that Baer was "robbed" of the title match with Joe Louis, announced yesterday that the Commission's decision would be delivered at an early date.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Claude Owen, who said Louis "very definitely" hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round, said Mike Jacobs, Louis' manager, had agreed to match Louis and Baer again for the title in Washington in September or October.

Mr. Owen expressed the belief that the National Boxing Association would recognize Baer as the title holder if the Commission ruled he won on a foul, but indicated the Commission's hands were tied because local regulations specified the referee's

RENEWED INTERVENTION BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT IN THE CRETE FIGHTING WAS REVEALED IN YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO.

The communique says that heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out on Sunday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained.

At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others badly damaged. The aerodrome at Maleme and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop carriers, were the principal targets.

BOMBS FELL AMONG LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF JU 52 TROOP CARRIERS, CAUSING GREAT DESTRUCTION AND DAMAGE.

One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing.

Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay.

Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft.

decision was unreversible. Reuter.

Iraq Activity

The communique also reports activity in Iraq.

A large number of sorties, it says, was made on Sunday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started.

The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft, which were machine-gunned on the ground, were severely damaged.

At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire.

Enemy aircraft attacked the R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah but there were no Service casualties.

South African aircraft attacked enemy defences and motor transport in the neighbourhood of the Ono River.

Direct Hits

Direct hits were obtained on bridges and ferries and a number of transport vehicles were destroyed.

Enemy planes made a machine-gun attack on Ta Ka'i aerodrome, in Malta, on Sunday, several enemy planes being damaged.

From the above successful operations, all British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

FRENCH CONSULATES CLOSED DOWN

French consular officers in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28, Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London.

The action is understood to have been taken by the British authorities in consequence of the French action requiring British consular officers in Syria to leave their posts on or before the same date.

A Jewish telegraph agency message from Jerusalem states all French consulates in Palestine were closed down on Sunday on instructions from the Vichy Government, and the French consul-general will be leaving the country to-morrow.

It has not yet been settled who will in future represent French interests in Palestine.—Reuter.

BRITISH MUSEUM PURCHASE

A RARE CHINESE ART TREASURE FORMED THE CHIEF PURCHASE BY THE BRITISH MUSEUM DURING 1940, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ART COLLECTION FUND, ISSUED YESTERDAY.

The acquisition was a lacquer toilet box made in the early Han period which is considered by British experts as the most important early Chinese lacquer left in the Far East. It was bought for £280.—Central News.

STOP PRESS

The "New York Daily Mirror" is reporting a big naval battle going on off Denmark, with a German squadron, including the Bismarck, opposing a superior British squadron, says a Reuter "flash" message from New York.



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RAEDER'S THREATS TO U.S.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The United States Government yesterday charged Germany with using "threats" in an attempt to intimidate the United States, and President Roosevelt scrapped the original draft of his speech for general revision.

A storm has been aroused over Admiral Raeder's statement that convoys would be an open act of war.

The White House accuses Germany of trying to "becloud" President Roosevelt's talk, which will be delivered at 9.30 (Eastern Standard Time) to-night.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, strongly denounced what he called the deliberate use of threats against the United States and other American Republics.

Gingering Up Japan

Prevailing belief in Washington is that Admiral Raeder's statement on convoys was made in the hope of persuading Japan that

Martial Law In Syria

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A NEUTRAL REPORT RECEIVED IN LONDON YESTERDAY SAYS THE SITUATION IN SYRIA IS CRITICAL. MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN DECLARED IN BEIRUT AND ALEPPO, AND FOOD RIOTS HAVE OCCURRED IN BEIRUT. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

American convoys would constitute an aggressive anti-German act calling for fulfillment of the Japanese pledge to the Axis. — International News Service.

Mr. Hull's Charge

At his press conference in Washington yesterday, Mr. Cordell Hull declared that Admiral Raeder's convoy statement appeared to be some sort of threat to induce the United States to refrain from real efforts at self-defence until Hitler gets control of the high seas and other Continents.

Recalling that Herr Hitler had applied the same system with European countries, Mr. Hull said that Admiral Raeder's declaration appeared to be an integral part of the programme of world conquest by force. — Reuter.

Powerful British Battleships Run Quarry Down

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE 35,000-TON GERMAN BATTLESHIP BISMARCK, ALREADY DAMAGED BY SHELLFIRE AND SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED BY AN AERIAL TORPEDO FROM A FLEET AIR ARM PLANE, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY IN ITS EFFORT TO REACH ITS BASE, WITH SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL BRITISH WARSHIPS MANOEUVRING TO BRING THE GERMAN SQUADRON TO ACTION.

The British warships hunting the Bismarck and the other German warships which were engaged in the battle off Greenland in which H.M.S. Hood was sunk, are believed to include H.M.S. Nelson and Rodney, whose 16-inch guns can out-fire and out-range the Germans.

The Admiralty is still living up to the tradition of the Silent Service, its only statement being last night's communique, which said: "The chase of the Bismarck in the Atlantic is being hotly pursued. This evening bombers of the Fleet Air Arm scored a hit with a torpedo on the Bismarck. The hunt continues."

This hit by an aerial torpedo is the second claimed since the engagement began, and it is now rumoured that the first hit was scored on the "Tirpitz," sister-ship of the Bismarck.

Nothing had been said previously of the presence of a second German battleship in the squadron in the North Atlantic.

THE MAIN FORCES OF BRITAIN'S HOME FLEET ARE BELIEVED TO BE ENGAGED IN THE WAR'S GREATEST OCEAN HUNT, TRYING TO FORM A VAST TRAP.

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CASANOVA LEAP

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Tsang Sze-ling, 28-year-old mechanic, leapt from a second storey window when he and his mistress were caught by the latter's angry husband in a Shanghai hotel room shortly after midnight to-day. Despoiled the fall Tsang had a miraculous escape from death and was taken to hospital suffering only from minor injuries. — International News Service.

Malemi Control

The Germans remain in full control of Malemi airport and are consolidating their positions.

At Retimo and Candia, the British troops "still hold the market squares," it is stated in London, "despite constant Luftwaffe pummeling."

Latest information shows that the fighting generally has been resumed on a "most violent scale." — International News Service.

GERMAN LOSSES IN CRETE OVER 10,000

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

IT WAS ESTIMATED in London yesterday that German losses in Crete now total 10,000 killed and wounded. Latest developments include the reported landing from the air by the Germans of a number of small tanks, while the British forces have received some reinforcements.

Information that Royal Marines and Royal Artillery are engaged indicates that one or more British ships have reached Crete.

The air-borne German tanks which rumour says have been landed are believed to be seven-tonners with two-man crews, although there is no confirmation of tanks in use against the Allied Forces.

The Germans are throwing in parts of the Fourth and Fifth Aerial Divisions from Greece, launching a new offensive on Malemi, Retimo and Candia (Heraklion).

The British cleaned up Retimo and Candia at the week-end, but swarms of more parachutists have arrived.

PACIFIC WAR AID ACCORD

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A. T. STEELE, "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" CORRESPONDENT, DECLARED YESTERDAY THE BRITISH ARE CLOSELY COOPERATING WITH THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND HAVE REACHED A VIRTUAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT IN CASE OF WAR.

United States planes are arriving in the N.E.I., Mr. Steele says, but not as fast as people would like.

The Singapore defences, he adds, are "100 per cent stronger than last year." — International News Service.

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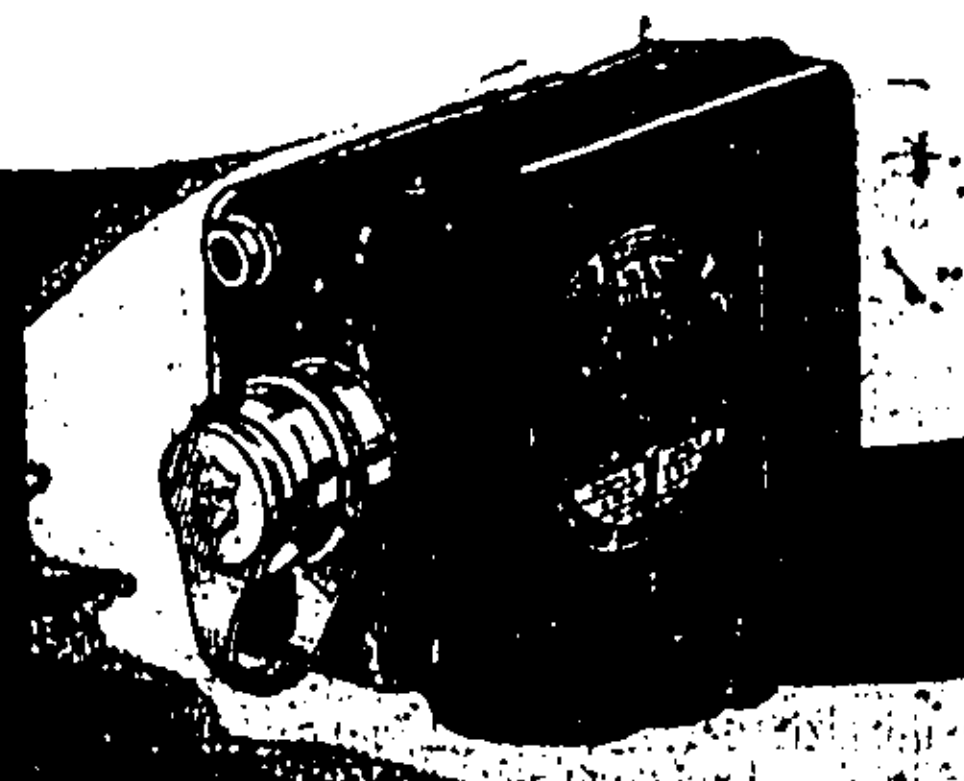
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EIRE RAISES PROTEST AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

Mr. De Valera Revives Canker Of Partition

Cosgrave Sounds A Warning

MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, EIRE PRIME MINISTER, REVIVED THE ISSUE OF PARTITION IN A SPEECH IN THE DAIL IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE SAID: "SOME THREE YEARS AGO A SETTLEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN WAS MADE AND RATIFIED BY THAT NATION'S PARLIAMENT, WHICH REMOVED EVERY OTHER OUTSTANDING QUARREL AND LEFT ONLY PARTITION.

"I was confident that with the good relations which had been established that partition would also soon disappear. Unfortunately the war came and found us with the foundations of a lasting friendship still incomplete and with the grievance of partition rankling in every Irish heart."

Mr. de Valera said that the Six Northern Counties were part of Ireland and the inhabitants are Irishmen and nothing could alter that fact.

"No matter what political or economic changes may take place in the world, the people living in these two islands are destined to live as neighbours," he said.

Mr. de Valera continued: "We proclaimed our neutrality. It was a friendly neutrality. We refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile.

"WE PLEDGED OURSELVES THAT WE WOULD NOT PERMIT OUR TERRITORY TO BE USED AS A BASE FOR ENEMY ACTION AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN.

"And the forces that we have are our guarantee that we will keep that pledge.

"If the British Government goes ahead with conscription in the Six Counties, they will undo the work and goodwill of the past and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr. William Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said:—

"It is vital that at this time no question of a misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity which everyone in the House fervently hopes has been for ever ended."

Dangerous Situation

Mr. Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the State.

The unfavourable reactions of conscription were difficult to calculate but they undoubtedly would be great.

He was convinced that the result that might inevitably ensue in both parts of Ireland and else-

MR. MORGENTHAU OUT WITH ATLANTIC PATROL

One of President Roosevelt's four-man Cabinet Defence Committee, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of Treasury, is now at sea inspecting the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Patrol as the guest of Admiral King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, it was officially revealed in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

where would far outweigh any advantages to Great Britain.

"We should ask ourselves, however, whether we are taking the steps best calculated to ward off conscription from the North and to secure a future that would be tolerable either for those in the North or for us."

Labour Attitude

The Labour leader, Mr. Norton supported the protest against conscription.

Sir John Maffey, United Kingdom representative, was in the Distinguished Strangers Gallery, as was also Mr. E. J. Garland, Acting Canadian High Commissioner.—Reuter.



Good news for England's Postwomen is that they are now allowed to wear trousers instead of the officially issued blue skirt. Some still prefer skirts. In this picture, the two types of dress are contrasted.

AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE TO AXIS PACT

THE STOCKHOLM newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" referred yesterday to the Japanese military delegation's visit to Europe, wondering why this Axis trump-card against America is not receiving more prominence in the Axis press.

Since the Russo-Japanese Pact the only Japanese statement of importance which has been made was the Souka interview, which was absolutely orthodox.

The paper refers to the Tripartite Pact, which was intended to scare America from entering the war, pointing out America has not been scared.

There are many reasons for this—

First, international agreements to-day are worth less than ever before. They are instruments for influencing public opinion but not for directing govern-

ment action.

If Japan considers the situation suitable for an attack on America, an attack will be made quite apart from the Tripartite Pact.

French Pledge

The German-Italian military alliance has had a varied history as well as the Russo-German and the Anglo-Turkish Pacts, while France broke her pledge to Britain without discussion.

Thus America did not need to fear the Tripartite Pact. Furthermore, Japan has learnt to her sorrow that it is easier to start a war than to finish it.

China is not defeated after four years and the appointment of a Chinese Quelling government has been in vain. Japan's resources are strained to the utmost and an American blockade would place her in a desperate position.

American indifference to the Tripartite Pact is therefore comprehensible.—Reuter.

Joint Speeches Probable

Mr. J. M. Andrews, Northern Ireland Prime Minister, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of the conscription talks with Mr. Churchill and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by the British Prime Minister.

During the week-end there were numerous protest meetings in North Ireland and yesterday the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent a telegram to Labour members of the British Government.

THE TELEGRAM SAID THERE WAS GRAVE RESENTMENT AT THE THREAT TO IMPOSE CONSCRIPTION AND THAT BITTERNESS AND STRIFE WOULD ONLY RESULT.

They urged British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent "this act of aggression."—Reuter.

WAR CAN NEVER END, SAY DUTCH

(By a London Reporter)

"For us this war can never be finished. It must last as long as we live."

This startling statement was made to me by a blonde giant of a Dutch merchant skipper a day or so ago in a London club frequented by Free French sailors and seamen.

A murmur of approval and applause followed his words as he gazed with passionate pride on a score of his comrades, who took up the cry: "Death to the Germans—for ever!"

"You see," he explained to me in almost faultless English, "you in England do not know what bombing is. London, Bristol have their scars. We sympathise with you intensely, but you can hit back with a magnificent R.A.F. and your anti-aircraft guns. It is war."

His voice sank. "But Rotterdam was cold, cruel murder. There were no defences—nothing to stop the bombers as they came over, wave after wave."

Revenge Pledge

"They dropped their bombs and went back for more. It was a 'bus' service of death. A city of 400,000 prosperous people reduced to miles of blackened ruins, to great heaps of dead—30,000 of them—and many bodies will never be found. They will lie under the ruins for years."

"That is how I lost my mother and father and my sweetheart. Nearly all of us who escaped had the same experience."

His circle of listeners nodded in grim consent.

"We have sworn a solemn oath," he continued, "to kill every German we meet until the end of our lives. For us the war can never finish."

"How many are in this party?"

"I should say well over 1,000," he said. "In fact I have not met a single Dutch seafarer who has not either taken the oath or who was not anxious to take it as soon as he could get comrades as witnesses."

He stood up—6ft. 4in. of him with fists like hams and mighty shoulders. I was glad he smiled and said: "But you are English. Come let's have a drink."

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ROOSEVELT SPEECH UNDERGOES REVISION

Dramatic War Developments Alter The Tenour

IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPIDLY CHANGING CONDITIONS ABROAD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REVISING THE SPEECH WHICH HE WILL DELIVER TO-DAY, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, AT THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr. Early warned reporters not to build it up as extremely important.

Yesterday, however, he said: "I can tell you the President will be engaged through the day into the night and most of to-morrow in revising his speech in the light of the rapidly changing conditions abroad."

"Don't ask me to go into details because I can't. You will get them when you get the speech."

When a reporter informed Mr. Early that the German Foreign Office was not commenting on Admiral Raeder's convoy interview, Mr. Early declared: "I have got the idea that Berlin to-day is trying to do anything it can to becloud the President's speech and to anticipate something for you gentlemen between noon and Tuesday night."

Mr. Early added he would not be surprised if reporters were querying him about other Berlin despatches before President Roosevelt talks. — Reuter.

Hood Sinking

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

International News says the President spent most of Sunday drafting his momentous fireside chat.

Speculation prevails that the President will vigorously challenge Berlin claims that the Hood sinking and the Crete operations "have won the war" for the Nazis, and high Government officials expect emphasis will be laid on the fact that as in the past, the present war will not be won by any single battle.

CONGRESS LEADERS' OPINIONS CLASHED REGARDING THE EFFECT OF THE HOOD SINKING ON PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Some said it would spur agitation for U.S. entry into the war, others believed it would solidify sentiment against the use of the U.S. Navy to convoy munitions ships to Britain.

Powerful Link

Senator Joshua Lee said: "It means that Britain's lifeline is being strained. A powerful link in that chain has now gone."

"We should put our defence effort on a 24-hour basis. If we don't step up our help to Britain we will be fighting Hitler's forces alone some day."

Senator Clark, an opponent of U.S. entry as a "shooting partner," said he did not believe the Hood sinking would change the determination of the American people "to stay out of the war," and declared the anti-convoy forces were strengthened by the Hood sinking.

Anti-convoy circles said the Germans would certainly fire on U.S. warships if they convoy munitions ships and U.S. warships would certainly shoot back, thus beginning war. — International News Service.

Playwright's Aid

"President Roosevelt is devoting more time to preparing his fireside chat than any speech I can recall," his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told reporters.

N.Z. GUARD FOR KING OF GREECE

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND FORCES AND THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY GENERAL FREYBURG, NEW ZEALAND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN GREECE, FOR THE SAFE CONDUCT OF THE KING'S PARTY DURING THE DEPARTURE FROM GREECE, IS CONVEYED IN A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE KING OF THE HELLENES TO MR. PETER FRASER, NEW ZEALAND PREMIER.

Mr. Fraser returned to Cairo on Sunday night after a two days' visit to New Zealand war wounded in Egypt.

Mr. Fraser spent Saturday night on board a New Zealand hospital ship and also inspected a New Zealand convalescent depot, speaking to the men on their experiences. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PRISONERS ARRIVE IN SYDNEY

The first contingent of Italian prisoners of war arrived in Sydney yesterday and were sent to a camp in the country, says Reuter.

SINKING OF 'HOOD' STIRS AMERICA

THE SINKING of H.M.S. Hood near Greenland, while grimly dramatising the Battle of the Atlantic, has driven home the following facts in the minds of U.S. naval and diplomatic circles:

Firstly, if H.M.S. Hood was being used for convoying, it is evident that other British capital ships, so badly needed in other theatres of war, must have been similarly employed to minimise the loss of ships and supplies from the United States.

Therefore, the British Navy, spread thinly throughout the seven seas, needs the assistance of the U.S. Navy.

Secondly, the naval engagement occurred between Greenland and Iceland athwart the main artery of Britain's Atlantic lifeline and so close to the American defence zone that Rear-Admiral Yates Sterling, ex-Chief of U.S. Naval Staff, said that it "awakened American concern for the approach of war in this Hemisphere."

Consequently, the question arises whether the German Navy is patrolling Greenland merely to raid British convoys, or to prevent the United States from occupying Greenland effectively as an advanced naval base of operations.

Thirdly, while Germany's other battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, have been forced to abandon harassing work and effectively prevented from resuming raiding by the R.A.F., the need for strengthening the British Navy by the U.S. Navy is clear.

The last Gallup poll showed a bare majority favouring U.S. convoying. The loss of H.M.S. Hood may profoundly affect American public opinion. — Central News.

DEEP SHELTERS TO BE BUILT

The Select Committee on National Expenditure states in its Report that plans are in progress for the provision of deep shelters for about 90,000 additional people and 18 out of 20 shafts have been begun. It is hoped the programme will be completed by next winter. — British Wireless.

THAI PREMIER MAY VISIT JAPAN

The Thai Premier, Major-General Phipa Songgram, may go to Japan after the National Day celebrations which are being held on June 24, says the well-informed Thai daily "Promuenwan" quoted by Reuter.

Chan Yung, 45, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing wood from the Coffee Plantation, Sookunpoo, on Saturday. — Reuter.

EIGHTY-NINE MILLIONS ON A.R.P. SHELTERS

The Select Committee's Report on national expenditure, issued yesterday, states that civil defence, including A.R.P. shelters, amounted to £89 millions for the financial year ending March 31, 1941. — Reuter.

TRAMCAR PICKPOCKET

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Man, 23, by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing \$95 from a medical student, Tsoi Fuk-lam, on board a tramcar in Des Voeux Road on Sunday.

According to Det-Sergt. J. Macdonald, Tsoi boarded a tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central near the Sincere Company at about 1 p.m. on Sunday. Shortly afterwards, he discovered that a sum of \$95 was missing from his jacket pocket. He then saw defendant pass a bundle of banknotes to another person. He kept watch and as soon as defendant got off the tram in Wanchai, he summoned a Police constable. The other person to whom defendant passed the money, ran away.

BRITISH NAVY'S STRENGTH

While the loss of H.M.S. Hood must not be minimised, the British Navy has 15 capital ships against a nominal roll of 12 available to the Axis fleets.

But of these 12 only eight are now effective, Italy having lost her two 35,000 tons Littorio class battleships, one at Taranto and the other severely damaged at Matapan.

Of her Cavour class only two are available at the present time, one having foundered at Taranto and one being damaged.

Of Germany's six capital ships (two being the "pocket battleships" Lutzow and Scheer), Gneisenau and Scharnhorst are still in Brest where they have received considerable attention from the R.A.F.

Of the British battleships the oldest is Revenge, completed in 1915, and the newest is the Prince of Wales, commissioned in 1941. — British Wireless.

U.S. SHORTAGE OF FARM WORKERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Draft Director, Mr. Hershey, yesterday asked local boards to consider the deferment of farm workers engaged in the production of food vitally needed for national defence in a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Wickard saying there is a shortage of farm labour and food production must be maintained. — International News Service.

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LAVAL TALKS THE NEW LANGUAGE OF VICHY FRANCE

MAKING HIS FIRST SPEECH SINCE HIS DISMISSAL BY MARSHAL PETAIN LAST DECEMBER, PIERRE LAVAL, IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY, SAID: "WE OWE OUR FAILURE TO DEMOCRACY. WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT FOR IT."

"France cannot go back. She must fulfil two tasks with the great powers of Europe, get peace first and then overcome unemployment and poverty."

"Those are assurances which my personal experience can give America. Is America trying to paralyse us on the way to national resurrection?"

"We need some of your riches as you need some of ours, but remember that France can only fulfil this exchange between the New World and the new Europe if she can collaborate totally with Germany."

"I know that may astonish you but it is indispensable to France."

France Blames U.S.

According to the German radio version of the Laval speech, he said that since the United States did not help France during the war, she was partially to be blamed for the collapse of France.

Laval pictured the United States as entertaining plans against the unity of the French Empire.

He warned the United States against sharing the same fate as France by blindly going into the war.

The German radio credits Laval with the statement that not for a single moment and not by any gesture had the Germans taken up an attitude that might have wounded French pride.

Hitler's Bloody Hand

For France, it was simply accepting the hand of the Fuehrer in an unique gesture or she would suffer the fate of being divided up.

Laval, who was speaking on the Paris radio, added: "The United States have been willing for France to be annihilated or torn to pieces by enjoining her to refuse the hand that Chancellor Hitler held out to her in a gesture that is without precedent in history."

"This war—perhaps on the other side of the ocean you do not fully realise it—is not a war like other wars."

"It is a revolution out of which we will rise rejuvenated, reorganised and prosperous!"—Reuter.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN N'F'LAND

Newfoundland, which begins a recruiting campaign on Monday next, has received the following message from Mr. Winston Churchill:

"The people of Newfoundland, with their long history of hardships surmounted and their proud attachment to the island on which their ancestors founded the oldest British overseas territories, have already made a magnificent contribution in the war."

The task of overcoming oppression and the deadly threat to our civilisation calls for the utmost endeavour from us all and I am glad to learn that still greater efforts are being made in Newfoundland. I wish them every success.

"With this spirit we shall not fail to achieve the final victory of right and freedom on which our hearts are set."—British Wire-less.

VANISHING HALF-DOZEN

The chief of a fire-watching group in Bognor Regis sent out two girls to watch a certain road, telling them to report back after two hours.

The two girls didn't come back to report.

Somewhat annoyed, he sent out another two girls after the others.

The couple of girls who went after the first couple of girls didn't come back either.

Somewhat worried, the fire-watch chief sent out two men.

The two men who followed the girls who followed the first couple of girls also didn't come back.

Terrified, the fire-watch chief told the police.

So the police followed the men who followed the girls who followed the first couple of girls. And the police couldn't find any one of them.

So they asked the military if they had seen two men and four girls.

"Sure," said the military. "We've been holding them all because not one is carrying an identity card." So the identity cards were produced.

NO UNREST OR DISUNITY, SAYS BERGERET

The Vichy Air Minister, General Bergeret, who has just returned from a visit to Syria, stated in a broadcast yesterday that there was "no unrest or disunity in Colonial France."

He denounced the celebrated Colonel Collet — the almost legendary leader of the Circassian regiments — as "an officer formerly renowned and henceforth a traitor," though without naming him.—Reuter.

BRITONS DETAINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOUR BRITONS AND A RUSSIAN WERE DETAINED 24 HOURS BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN THE HUNG-JAO AREA OF SHANGHAI FOR USING A RADIO SET IN CHINA UNIVERSITY, LOCATED OFF THE SHANGHAI-HANG-CHOW RAILWAY TRACKS.

The party were picnicking in the University compound when a Japanese patrol heard the radio and took the party to Japanese military headquarters.

The party was released later and the radio returned.—International News Service.

URBAN COUNCIL INSPECTOR'S ILLEGAL SEIZURE

FOR WRONGFULLY seizing the goods of two hawkers, Sanitary Inspector E. A. Chater, Urban Council, was ordered by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning to pay \$21 compensation.

The Magistrate said the Sanitary Inspector had no legal right whatsoever to seize the goods.

The case resulted from an application by two licenced fruit hawkers, Chi Yim and Yip Pui, for the return of their fruit or its value, first appellant claiming 129 crates of fruit, or \$21, and second, 180 mangoes, or \$12.50.

Respondent disputed the amount claimed saying it had been considerably exaggerated.

Detective Sergeant Dewar presented the application on behalf of the hawkers. After reviewing the evidence, Mr. Sheldon said that the goods were seized by Inspector Chater but no charge was brought against the hawkers. The day following the seizure the hawkers applied to Mr. G. T. Lowry for return of the fruit and following inquiries, Mr. Lowry ruled that, under the Public Health and Food Ordinance, an application for the return of the goods would have to be made in Court.

Frank Admission

Inspector Chater frankly admitted that he seized the fruit and did not dispute that the fruit

was in good condition. The fruit was not found to be unwholesome.

Inspector Chater said he did not think the two hawkers were owners of the fruit, but added that he could not dispute the claim that they were the owners.

The situation was this, concluded Mr. Sheldon, that the fruit was wrongfully seized, without any legal right whatsoever. Therefore, respondent must pay compensation of \$10.50 to each.

A.R.P. TURNED DOWN OBJECTOR

When Wilfred Gibbons, carpenter, of Chaffield Road, Croydon, made his third appearance at the London Objectors' Tribunal, he said he had applied for A.R.P. work with Croydon Corporation and was told they did not employ conscientious objectors. He applied for land work, and was told that objectors were being dismissed. The case was again adjourned.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Mr. Menzies Calls For An End To Party Politics

Raschid Ali In Mosul

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Panic and confusion reign in Baghdad after the rebel Premier, Raschid Ali, preparing to flee to Turkey, moved the government to Mosul.

With the war seemingly near the end a mob in Baghdad yesterday lynched a Turkish railway official, Mahmud Zaim, suspected of being a spy. The Turkish Government has demanded an indemnity.

Fighting continues in at least two sectors, with British planes heavily bombing the Iraqi positions and aerodromes.—International News Service.

APPEALING FOR UNITY in Australian politics, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States, said in Sydney yesterday: "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and spirit of the people."

Mr. Menzies hoped his warm personal friendship with the Labour leader, Mr. Curtin, might prove a symbol of the ultimate all-round cooperation of all parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war, not dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers."

"We must have the cooperation of men of all parties to face the supreme crisis in our history when one turn of the

wheel might extinguish us for ever."

For Six Months

In a reference to the United States, Mr. Menzies said: "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow President Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves."

"Australia must vastly increase war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

New Chivalry

Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr. Menzies said no account he had ever read of the bombing before, going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country.

The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I have returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."—Reuter.

PRIEZ POUR LUI

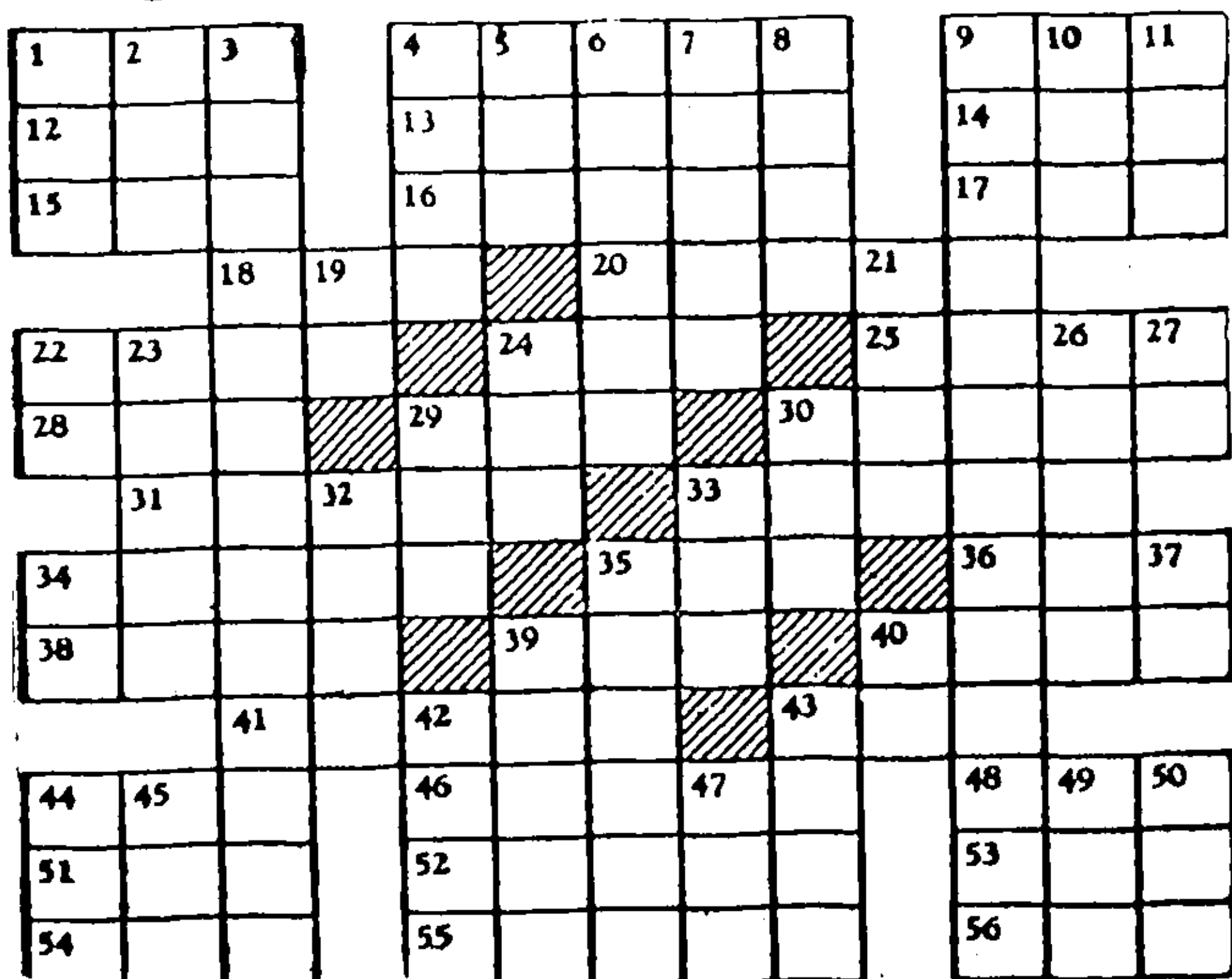
A refugee recently arrived from Brittany states that in every village church, at the end of the service, the priest says simply to the congregation, "Priez pour lui"—pray for him. Every head is bowed in prayer for the success of General de Gaulle. If an irate Nazi official calls on the priest to explain who is "lui," the priest replies that he may be anyone, for everyone has someone they pray for.

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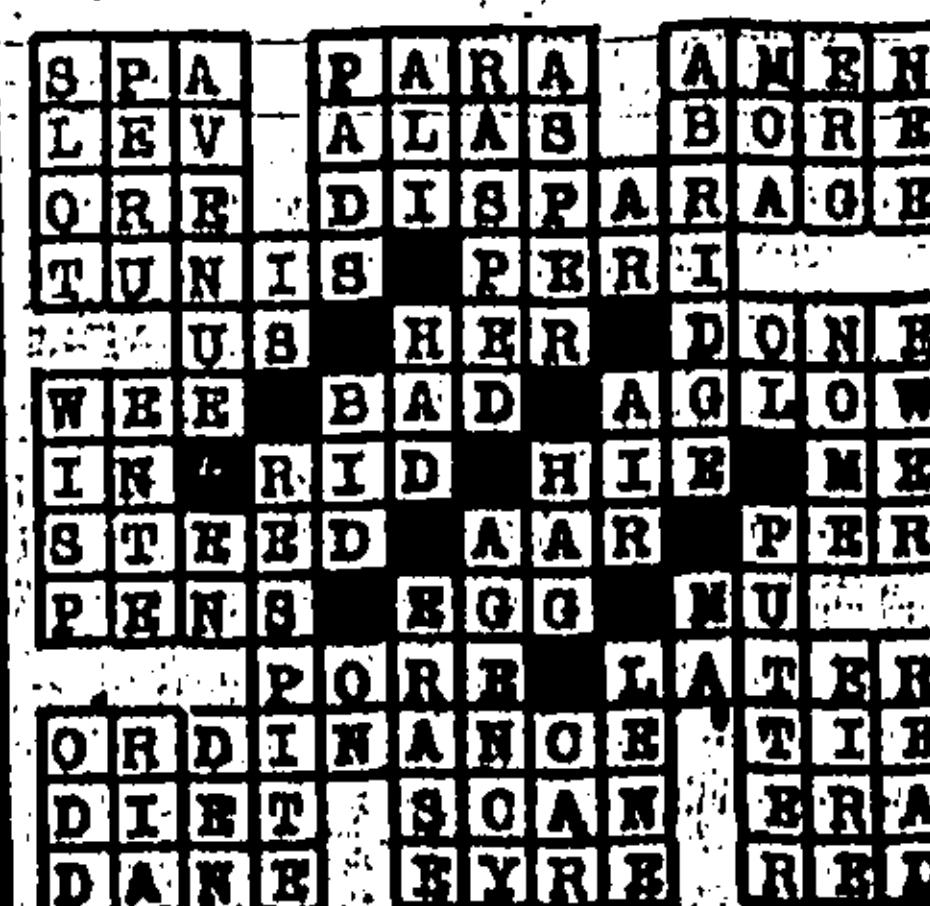


- HORIZONTAL**
- Portuguese coin
 - Place of combat
 - Cowardly fellow
 - To bring forth
 - Former French capital
 - Crude metal
 - Before
 - Growing out
 - Original
 - To irritate
 - Lines of junction
 - Fastidious
 - Pronoun
 - Norse armed galley
 - Forth
 - Distant
 - Girl's name
 - Speedy
 - Alone; stage direction
 - Toll
 - Brim
 - Sailor
 - Ancient European country
 - Colloquial: crafty person
 - Length measure
 - Musical

- Bulgarian coin
- Hawaiian dish
- To recede
- Worthless leaving
- Person of mixed blood
- Confederate general
- Period of time
- Skillful
- Till now

- VERTICAL**
- Female ruff
 - Hearing organ
 - That which is unavoidable
 - Summit
 - Sped
 - Rubber
 - Saltpetre
 - On the ocean

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- In regular order
- Part of "to be"
- Moisture
- Printer's measure
- To handle roughly
- Italian river
- Bucolic
- Possessed
- Durable
- Symbol for calcium
- Evergreen tree
- To chop
- Nosegay
- Number
- French article
- To find
- Note of scale
- Discharged
- Pronoun
- Narrow opening
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U.S. EXPERTS ANSWER WAR DEFEATISTS

Four retired Admirals headed a list of seventeen authorities on naval, military and aviation operations and on world politics, who joined in a contradiction of the Lindbergh thesis that Britain has already lost the war beyond recovery through any aid the United States might give.

"We believe such assertions unwarranted by the available evidence," they declared in a joint statement. Admitting that the British outlook is "grave," they marshalled nine reasons for their "joint and considered opinion that there is no warrant for presupposing a German victory."

They said that British sea power, particularly in combination with United States sea power, could deny Germany access to essential resources of the non-European world; and further, that the combined industrial production of Britain and the United States eventually would gear up to passing Germany, which started with the advantage of being already in high.

"Germany must win before American aid is effective," said the seventeen experts. "The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory, therefore is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. American naval and air forces now possess the necessary striking force as in 1917, to equalise and perhaps turn to our definite advantage the struggle now waging along the convoy routes."

The experts conclude that, "even if it is true — which we deny — that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible."

Text Of Statement

Their statement follows:

In the belief that it will be of value to the American public, the undersigned students of military affairs and world politics offer the following statement of fundamental facts which are pertinent to the formulation of American policy in the existing situation. Sweeping assertions are being made that the British Empire already has lost the war and that nothing which the United States can do will have material influence upon the ultimate result. We believe such assertions unwarranted by the available evidence. We are aware that there are grave threats to British security in the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, and in the Far East. But it is our joint and considered opinion that factors of fundamental importance still operate in favour of Britain and her allies and that there is no warrant for presupposing a German victory. We respectfully call attention to the following facts:

1. By reason of British sea power Germany is denied access to the essential resources of the non-European world, both in industrial production and in raw materials. On the other hand, Britain still enjoys such access — particularly to the vital supplies produced within the empire and the United States.

Where American sea power, with its supporting air arm, made available to Britain the resulting Anglo-American preponderance on the sea would be even more effective. No power in control of the seas has ever been defeated in a prolonged war, and no power without such control has ever won a struggle of world-wide proportions.

2. The industrial plants of Germany are within reach of the Royal Air Force, whereas Britain (quite aside from her own considerable production, however subject to interruption) can draw upon the enormous industrial plants of the United States and the Dominions, which are safe from air attack. The total industrial capacity thus available to Britain far surpasses that available to Germany and her vassal States. In a war in which machines play so great a part, this is a fundamental advantage which time will still further accentuate in Britain's favour.

3. Whereas Germany's industrial plant is now geared to maximum production, the military potential of the United States is

only beginning to be felt in the struggle. Hence Germany's initial advantage — namely, in numerical superiority of aircraft and certain other instruments of war — is temporary and fleeting. If the war becomes one of attrition and exhaustion the Axis powers will be at a serious disadvantage as compared with the British Empire and the United States.

4. The decisive area of the war is the island of Britain and its surrounding seas. If American tanks, aircraft, munitions, ships, food and supplies can reach Britain without substantial interruption and in ever-increasing quantities, Britain can more effectively resist attack and can ultimately take the offensive — at first in the air and subsequently with other weapons as well. On the other hand, if Germany can seriously reduce or altogether stop the flow of American supplies to Britain, Hitler will have won the war.

The decisive period is from the present moment until the rising curve of American production passes that of Germany. Germany must win before American aid is effective. This Germany can do only by a successful invasion of Britain (which seems to present almost insuperable difficulties) or by cutting Britain's life-line of overseas supplies.

The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory, therefore, is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. Germany's hope is to render American aid ineffective by attacking the ships which carry that aid. If Germany has misjudged her ability to win this Battle of the Atlantic — as she misjudged it in 1917 — she cannot win the war.

5. American naval and air forces now possess the necessary striking force, as in 1917, to equalise and perhaps turn to our definite advantage the struggle now waging along the convoy routes. We do not underestimate the difficulties and realise that, in the event of American intervention for this purpose, a major effort would be required. We believe that our position in the Pacific should be maintained and by appropriate defensive measures, in that area, and that Japan could be held in check should she decide to enter the war.

6. There is no doubt that Britain is suffering cruel punishment from the air and that German bombardments on the present scale might seriously impair the British ability and will to fight on. Adequate American production of aircraft, (particularly of long-range bombers) and their safe delivery to Britain would alter this situation in at least two fundamental respects: it would make possible effective British counter-measures, and it would raise British morale (while adversely affecting German morale) by large-scale reprisals against German industrial centres, including Berlin.

7. If there is any people in the world who can and ought to surpass all others in the science of mechanised warfare it is the people of the United States. We are literally a nation on wheels, a people who live with and by machines. If we so will, we can produce for Britain, and for ourselves motorised and armoured equipment which will be superior to any thus far utilised in the war. We could begin with aircraft, the possibilities of which are as yet only partially realised, and proceed with other weapons.

8. It is imperative that we take account of moral factors as being an inherent part of the military

REFUSED TO OPEN PARCEL

CHEONG SIH-CHING, ASSISTANT COMPRADORE, CHANG NEI-CHEN, TALLYMAN, AND WOO PING-LIANG, WATCHMAN, ON BOARD A SHIP IN HARBOUR, APPEARED BEFORE COMMANDER J. JOLLY AT THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING CHARGED WITH A BREACH OF THE ANTI-SABOTAGE REGULATIONS.

Mr. E. Cox-Walker, preventive officer of Messrs. Jardine Matheson Ltd., stated that defendants refused to open a parcel brought on board when asked to do so, as required under the anti-sabotage law.

Defendants pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Stewart asked for an adjournment of 24 hours to enable the master to appear and testify.

The adjournment was granted. Cheuk Shun-heung and Li Yin, boat foks, were fined \$15, or 15 days for anchoring junks in the Tathong Channel Minefield.

potential. Had defeatists been in command of British forces in the South Atlantic, nicely balancing weight of armour and metal, the Graf Spee would not now be a scuttled wreck in Montevideo harbour. Had a commercial balance sheet of population, trained troops, ships and instruments of war been struck in 1776, there would have been no Declaration of Independence and no independent United States of America. Bismarck always warned against overlooking what he called the "imponderables" — a warning which we should take to heart.

9. Even if it were true — which we deny — that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible.

The conditions must be created which will enable Churchill to fulfill the pledge which he made to the United States last September that the British fleet — in the event that it could not continue operations in its own waters — would resume the fight from empire bases. This is clearly in the interest of the United States, whether or not we intervene in the war. The signers of the statement are:

Admiral William V. Pratt, retired, formerly Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral William H. Standley, retired, formerly Chief of Naval Operations.

Vice Admiral William L. Rodgers, retired, formerly president of the Naval War College.

Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, formerly Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet.

Dr. James P. Baxter 3d, president, Williams College; lecturer at the United States Naval War College.

Cy Caldwell, editor, Aero Digest. Clarence D. Chamberlin, aviator; president, Chamberlin Aircraft Schools.

Colonel William J. Donovan, World War commander of the 165th United States Infantry.

Dr. Edward Mead Earle, professor, School of Economics and Politics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.

George Fielding Elliot, military and naval correspondent, The New York Herald Tribune, and Columbia Broadcasting System.

Livingston Hartley, author "Our Maginot Line."

Walter Mills, author and journalist.

Nathaniel Peffer, Associate Professor of International Relations, Columbia University, New York.

Fletcher Pratt, military and naval correspondent, The New York Post and Time, Inc.

Lindsay Rogers Burgess, Professor of public Law, Columbia University, New York.

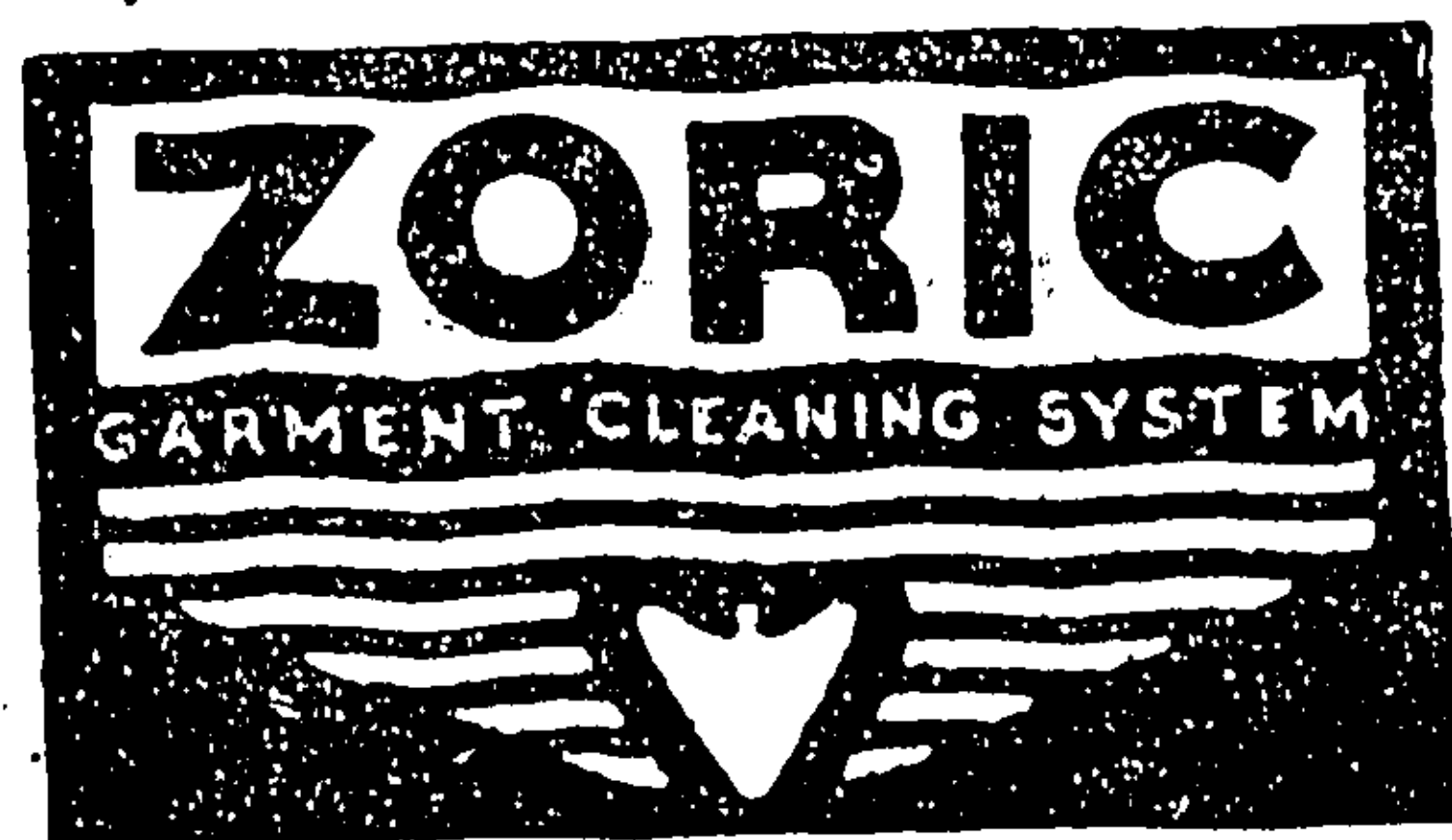
Raymond Gram Swing, author and commentator on foreign affairs, Mutual Broadcasting System.

Theodore P. Wright, Office of Production Management; formerly vice-president and director of engineering, Curtiss-Wright Corporation.



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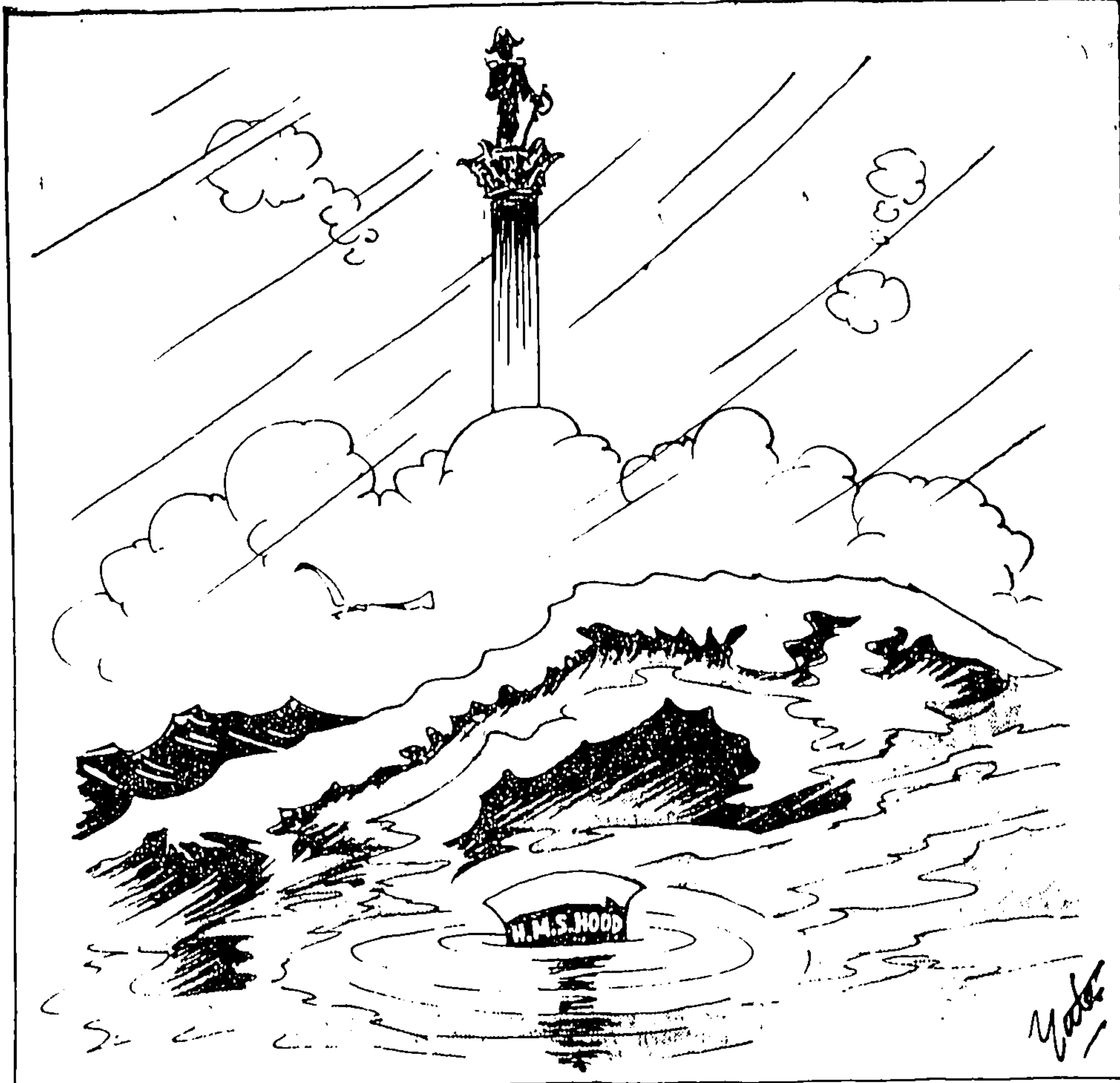
Loss of H.M.S. Hood on the eve, as it were, of President Roosevelt's statement of policy, which most assuredly will be deeply concerned with the issue of the Battle of the Atlantic, will lend additional emphasis to everything he says. It is stupid, of course, to permit the grievous loss to arouse undue depression. That is merely playing the game of Goebbels, whose extremes of enthusiasm have carried him to the farcical assertion that the loss of Hood is the deathblow of the Navy and to Britain's hope of winning the war. The Admiralty have not yet revealed the progress of the three other ships of the King George V class, whose keels were laid at more or less the same time as "King George V" and "Prince of Wales," but it would be surprising if they are not already undergoing sea trials, and of the still more powerful "Lion" and "Temeraire" are not close on their heels in line for commissioning. Disturbing as the loss of "Hood" is, still more of the gallant men who went down with her, any suggestion that the might of the Royal Navy is gravely undermined is preposterous.

It does, however, impress upon the United States the danger of sitting back and admiring the magnificent performances of our fighting men, and condoling with us in those tragedies that make up the story of a desperate conflict.

Americans are now demanding that the freedom of the seas should be asserted by the President. What is needed is something even more than that. The call for America's all-out effort has not been more strongly put than by Mr. William L. Batt, deputy director of the division of production in President Roosevelt's armaments organisation. "For us, to suppose," he says, "that Britain is growing stronger every day in relation to Germany is criminal folly. For us to enjoy a growing feeling of safety simply because England is still fighting back is the grossest negligence." What is the cold, hard truth of the matter? Germany points out this authority, started out with a military machine that could be matched only through the expenditure of \$100,000,000. To this it has added the productive capacity of the occupied countries and the huge tributes that it has exacted from them. Since last spring, Hitler's armies have conquered the Continent of Europe. His land armies have acquired tremendous stores of ammunition and equipment, so that, since the collapse of France, Germany's production has been relieved of the necessity of turning out great quantities of equipment. All this time British factories have been "working day and night" to replace the equipment left on the roads of Flanders and the beaches of Dunkirk.

Mr. Batt is by no means unmindful or unappreciative of the effort that America has made up to now. The machine-tool industry, he notes with pride, doubled its output in 1939 and redoubled it in 1940, and will do even better this year. Output of aircraft engines has increased twelvefold since last year, and tank production will be well under way within a few weeks. But, turning to the broad picture of the race with Germany, he reminds U.S. that while she shipped \$100,000,000 worth of materials to England in December, it still remains true that America has not provided Britain with as much as Hitler has been able to extort from France alone. "not to mention Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland."

Does this mean that there is no use trying to aid Britain—that it is too late and the task is too big? Not at all, declares Mr. Batt. What it does mean is that America must multiply by three, five and even ten times the present rate of shipments to England. Then and only then, will it tip the balance in favour of Britain. But this, in turn, means that we must drop the fiction that we can perform a modern miracle of industrial transformation without hurting anybody.



WE WILL REPAY

Cheesy Ballads

By
Ivor Brown

Our vegetarians have been telling Lord Woolton, with some justice, that, since milk is meat to them, they should be allowed a larger share of the carving (perhaps paring would now be a more accurate word) of our national cheese supply. Other voices are raised, no less fairly, on behalf of the country labourer whose mid-day meal, or nunnit (noon-meat), as it is called in the South-west, never did contain much meat but consisted of hunky bread and a slab of cheese. The town labourer might here interpose his claim to more of the coveted article, since he too was apt to carry a similar bundle for his interval's refreshment. It is not only the ploughman whose heart turns cheese-ward when the sun rides high. Bread with a smear of jam is a poor substitute for the sturdy cheese sandwich of the toiler's middle day.

Cheese, indeed, is so much a part of the native larder and of English life, was permitting, that it goes rolling through all bucolic myths and ballads in its mild and milky way. Sang Calverley.

The farmer's daughter hath soft brown hair
(Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese)
And I met a ballad, I can't say where,
Which wholly consisted of lines like these.

"Bread and cheese and kisses," sang the older music-hall as types of thrifty pleasure. We have all met these songs with their dairy echoes and smack of the milkshed. The English, wherever they went, took such rhymes and fancies in the vagrant's pack. This prayer, for example, comes from America:

But I, when I undress me,
Each night upon my knees
Will ask the Lord to bless me
With apple-pie and cheese.

Surely this charming supplication is a reimport, having been first taken overseas by a Yorkshireman. If it in fact be true that the admirable blending of the cheese and apple flavours be mainly native to that county.

Be that as it may, you can never delve far into the prose and poetry of the elemental English without finding a cheesy smell and savour. Is the moon made of green cheese? So our playful simplicity has continually inquired. Thin men, poor scraps of humanity, are likened to Banbury cheese, though why that "oake"

famous borough, lying among its rich, well-watered meadows, should yield so spare and mean an article is not explained. Dairy produce goes gleaming through the pastoral ballads, as Calverley observed, and even penetrates the urban slang. Many may have heard a cry of "Cheese it" without being aware of what it means—or meant, for it is an old catchword of the pavement. Apparently it is the equivalent emerging from thieves' cant, of "Chuck it" or "Come off it." But why?

There appears to be something about cheese which fascinates the English and indeed almost intoxicates them, to such strange and contradictory uses do they apply the term. Cheese means "the correct thing," with the adjective "cheesy" as a Victorian term for fine or showy, while it is applied contemptuously both as a verb in "cheese it" and as a noun to a simpleton or fat-head. The strangest meaning of cheese is a deep curtsy, to "make cheeses," according to the O.E.D., being "a schoolgirl's amusement, consisting in turning round rapidly and then suddenly sinking down so that the petticoats take something of the form of a cheese."

It is sadly significant of our time that we now are delighted to receive "cheese" of any kind. Gone are the regional niceties, the fine and local nominations. Cheese, to be exact, is "the curd of milk, coagulated by rennet, separated from the whey and pressed into a solid mass." You would think that since pure milk and rennet do not vary greatly cheese would emerge very much the same wherever the blessed coagulations and compressions took place. But, happily, the reverse is the case. Cheese can be sweet or sour, blue or red, yellow or white, hard or soft, thanks to some nicely varying mystery in the methods and materials of its construction. True, the importation of a standardised article at a price convenient to the poorest did in peace-time obliterate from many minds the idea of cheese as a generic title for a grand assortment of country products, each proudly different and even aloof. How many workers at a London grocery counter would have known what a customer intended who suddenly asked for anything

so native and so picturesque as Dorset's Blue Vinny, for anything so quantitatively imposing as Double Gloucester, or for anything so unpretentiously local as Lancashire or Derbyshire?

For all I know the grocer who failed to respond to one such colourful request may have been justified. Perhaps Blue Vinny had disappeared from a world given over to sentimental moaning about its "blues" of the soul. If so, the more's the pity. For it was the great merit of the English cheeses to be regional and even parochial creatures, demanding to be stocked and served with a reverent and geographical scholarship, as much as if they were wines of vintage. Calverley could have made, had he troubled, a most agreeable ballad of these local beauties, for, like the flowers, "almost singing themselves they come." What have Dan'l Pearce, Peter Gurney, and Uncle Tom Cobley to set against Blue Cheshire, Blue Vinny, Caerphilly, and old Double Gloucester and all as the items of a festive chorus? And that without starting on the noble army of Pennine cheeses.

The trouble began when sundry "patent" cheeses were manufactured with detached portions in separate paper wrappings; cheese should be and should look a farmhouse article, and these were suburban; their isolated sections went pat with the genteel detachment of villadom. They were "nace," they were "refeeced." And whatever real cheese may be, raw with youth or rotten with the extremes of age, sharp or mellow, creamy or crusty, heavenly or horrible, it is never just "nace."

But to think of cheese in all its subtle variations is either to feed on happy recollections or to indulge in forward visions of the modest plenty which peace may bring. Meanwhile cheese is just cheese, a covetable paring from an anonymous slab, and of high utility as such, if not a source of zest. (My own advice is to help out a common-place cheese with a speck of mustard.) To the balladry and beauty and diversity of cheese we shall some day return: for the present we may cite with gratitude a simple observation made in 1855 by one Dr. Muffet, an early student of nutritive values and perhaps the parent of the curd-consuming miss made for ever famous by her session on a tuffet. "Bread and cheese," said the doctor briefly, "be two targets against death." He spoke for our time.

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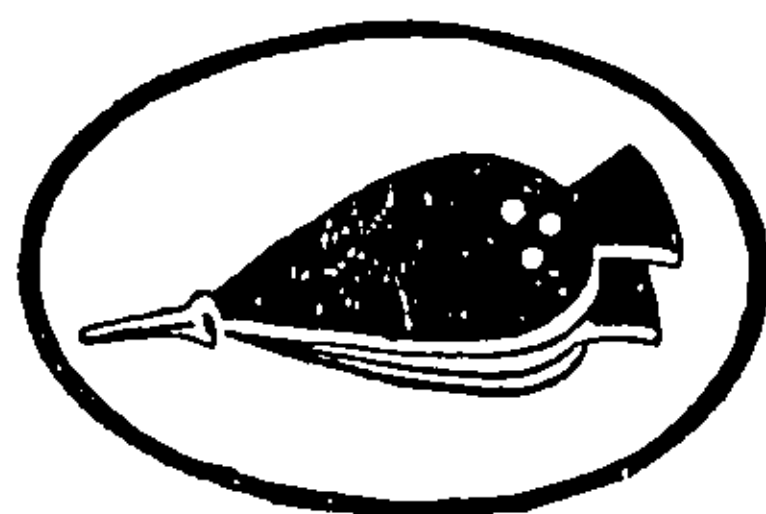
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"SWAYS" IN
CRETE**

"THE CRETE SITUATION is much the same, with very severe fighting in the Malemi area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours. It is very difficult to see how it is developing.

It is difficult, too, to say how the landings compare with the previous two days but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses in aircraft while others will soon need overhauling.

"The tide of battle still sways to and fro in the area between Canea and Malemi and around Malemi."

In these words well-informed military circles in Cairo last night summed up the latest position in Crete.

Meanwhile a steady round-up of prisoners continues in southern Abyssinia, where it looks as if the Jimma concentration is in for an unpleasant time.

Bad Weather

The weather is very bad, with heavy rains. Traffic is held up on three-quarters of the roads, which were not built for rains.

There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manoeuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight, since the original forces of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago have been readily melting through desertions and surrenders. — Reuter.

**INSURANCE
FOR PEACE
IN PACIFIC**

The High Command of the British and Imperial Forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview in Singapore yesterday.

The G.O.C. disclosed that a chain of garrisons stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that aerodromes, which extended to the frontiers of China, must be protected by land forces.

The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes had proved a wise one. This further increased many fold the difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved. — Reuter.

**MR. RONALD
CROSS'S
NEW POST**

MR. S. M. BRUCE, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY, WELCOMED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RONALD CROSS AS UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Bruce referred to the close and successful cooperation now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments. Mr. Ronald Cross paid a tribute to the fighting qualities of the Australians. — Reuter.

**COLLAPSE
OF IRAQ
REVOLT**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The imminent collapse of Iraqi resistance is forecast after the self-appointed Premier, Raschid Ali, and his Cabinet, were reported to be fleeing or preparing to flee in the face of British military advances and internal unrest.

The strong concentration of Raschid Ali's troops menacing Iraq's British-occupied Persian Gulf port of Basra was broken up in a surprise attack by British Imperial troops supported by the guns of British warships in the Gulf and strafing R.A.F. planes.

The defeated Iraqis had massed six miles up the Tigris from Basra in a movement to wrest the country's only seaport from the British.

The situation in Basra is quiet. — International News Service.

**ALBERT
MEDAL FOR
PRESIDENT**

THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THEIR PRESIDENT, THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, HAVE DECIDED TO CONFER ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THE ALBERT GOLD MEDAL OF THE SOCIETY "IN RECOGNITION OF HIS PRE-EMINENT SERVICES TO HUMANITY AS A FEARLESS AND RESOLUTE CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF NATIONAL FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY."

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Among previous recipients are Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V, Thomas Edison, Orville Wright, Louis Pasteur, Guglielmo Marconi and Madame Curie. — British Wireless.

**RAIL RESCUES BY
A.R.P.**

A.R.P. men and war-workers on their way to work helped to rescue passengers when two local trains collided at Leyton, E., station shortly after dawn.

Hundreds of people were in one of the trains and fifty were injured — none seriously.

**CHINA
THANKS
U.S.**

"The world is now looking to the United States as the last citadel of civilisation," Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government, told Mr. Clarence Gauss, new U.S. Ambassador to China, yesterday.

Presenting his credentials, Mr. Gauss expressed the firm conviction that the principles for which the peoples of China and the United States stand, freedom and liberty, would finally prevail.

He added that the long-standing American friendship for China had been enhanced by their admiration of Chinese determination to defend their freedom.

Referring to American assistance to China, Mr. Gauss said the United States was now becoming a great arsenal for those peoples who were defending their liberty, freedom and independence.

Recalling he had been 30 years in China, he stressed his great faith in the Chinese people and his confidence in China's destiny.

Mr. Lin Sen, replying, expressed the appreciation and gratitude of the Chinese people for the assistance they had received and undoubtedly would continue to receive from the United States. — Reuter.

**THEY TOOK
FLOWERS---**

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Three members of a rescue party stepped shyly into the ward of a London hospital. One of them carried a bunch of flowers, a tribute from brave men to a brave girl.

Mrs. Rose Connolly, aged nineteen, was injured when her home was wrecked by a bomb.

Her heroism during the twelve hours she was trapped touched the rescue workers.

The bomb killed Mrs. Connolly's few-month-old baby girl, her own mother, mother-in-law and father-in-law. Her husband is with the R.A.F.

Mrs. Connolly smiled as they handed her the flowers. The last time they had seen her was when they dug her out of ten feet of debris and she had jokingly cried: "Go easy boys, you're treading on my face."

"This is lovely of you, boys," said Mrs. Connolly as she buried her face in the flowers. "I was wondering how I could ever thank you for what you did. I didn't dream you'd come to see me."

"Huh, that's all right, missus," said Jim Parton, one of her rescuers, awkwardly. "We've got to look after our customers."

Then he and his comrades walked from the ward to go back to their job. They wouldn't have believed anyone who called them heroes.

**DOCTOR SAVES
THREE BABIES**

Three babies and their mothers were rescued from a maternity home raid on a north-east town.

A helper said she understood that the babies were not labelled, but she thought the nurses would be able to sort them out and give them to the right mothers.

Heroine of the rescue work was a young woman doctor who lives next door.

The doctor's housekeeper, Mrs. Elsie Webster, said:

"The doctor was out like a shot. We got all the babies out. One was only four days old."

PLEASANT

"Modern warfare necessarily takes on the character of a fight to the finish, whose issue signifies total catastrophe for the vanquished. Victory does not pay for risks and sacrifices unless the vanquished disappears completely from the field of competition. The enemy should be destroyed, his heritage seized."

The foregoing is a pleasant extract from the Deutsche Wehr of 1935, quoted by "La France Libre."

"BISMARCK" HIT BY TORPEDO

High Hope Of Successful Pursuit

British Squadron Still In Contact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, SEEKING VENGEANCE FOR THE SINKING OF H.M.S. HOOD, IS HOT IN PURSUIT AFTER THE FLEEING GERMAN SQUADRON AFTER THE 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP BISMARCK HAD BEEN HIT AND PARTIALLY CRIPPLED BY A BRITISH AERIAL TORPEDO.

As the war's greatest sea battle raged through the second night, the British Fleet, aided by catapulted Navy bombers flying ahead and harassing and slowing down the fleeing German ships, pressed the chase at maximum speed in a dramatic effort to get the enemy squadron close enough for a decisive battle.

The German fleet, led by the damaged Bismarck, eluded an immediate pitched battle with the British squadron because the weather turned favourable to the Nazis after the Hood was destroyed, enabling the German ships to escape under a quick settling mist. — International News Service.

Hot Pursuit

THE BATTLESHIP BISMARCK, PRIDE OF THE GERMAN NAVY, HAS BEEN STRUCK BY A TORPEDO OF THE BRITISH FLEET AIR ARM AND THE ROYAL NAVY'S MIGHT IS HOT IN PURSUIT OF THE DAMAGED WARSHIP.

This announcement was made in a special Admiralty communiqué last night.

Thus, 72 hours after British and Nazi naval forces met off Greenland early on Saturday morning, the British Navy has maintained contact with the enemy in a pursuit which must have ranged over hundreds of miles. — Reuter.

FRENCH CONSULATES CLOSED DOWN

French consular officers in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28, Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London.

The action is understood to have been taken by the British authorities in consequence of the French action requiring British consular officers in Syria to leave their posts on or before the same date.

A Jewish telegraph agency message from Jerusalem states all French consulates in Palestine were closed down on Sunday on instructions from the Vichy Government, and the French consul-general will be leaving the country to-morrow.

It has not yet been settled who will in future represent French

MISSIONARIES STRANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A large number of American missionaries are virtually "stranded" in Shanghai following the decision recently promulgated by the home Board that approval must first be obtained from the Board before permission can be sought from the U.S. consulate to travel into the interior of China. The matter is believed to have been taken up with the State Department. — International News Service.

RASCHID UPSET NAZI TIMETABLE

German circles in Ankara are now admitting that Raschid Ali upset their time-table when he decided to fight Britain at the beginning of May, according to a Columbia Radio commentary, broadcast from Ankara this morning.

The commentator stated that a German spokesman told him that the trouble in Iraq was not expected to develop until the Germans had taken Crete and Cyprus.

The Germans, however, do not feel that all is lost but suggest that Raschid Ali may operate at Mosul and concentrate on guerilla warfare to prevent the British from massing troops on the eastern Syrian frontier.

THE COMMENTATOR ADDED THAT AN ARAB ARMY, ORGANISED BY GERMAN AGENTS IN SYRIA, WAS EXPECTED TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE.

The whole German aim is to keep the British out of Mosul and the oil lands until the Germans have established themselves firmly in Syria.

The commentator added that Turkey has decided to pay the interest and principal on her munitions debt to Czechoslovakia, that is to the Skoda Works which are in German hands. — Reuter.

MR. MENZIES' VISIT TO NEW CALEDONIA

Free French Headquarters in London announce that on his way back to Australia the Australian Prime Minister was received at Noumea, capital of the Free French Colony of New Caledonia, by the local Government.

He was cheered by the French and native populations and a dinner was given in his honour by the Governor, M. Sautot. New Caledonia rallied to the Free French Forces on September 20, 1940. — British Wireless.

WENT ON WITH HIS PLOUGHING

A ploughman working in a field near a south-east coast town heard the roar of a bomber and took no notice.

Then he heard a bomb coming down. It plunged into the ground only 25ft. away from him. It was a delayed action bomb. The ploughman stepped over and peered down the little crater.

Then he just went on with the ploughing.

SIR DELVES BROUGHT TO TRIAL

THE TRIAL OF SIR DELVES BROUGHTON ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING LORD ERROL, OPENED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF KENYA.

Lord Errol was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24.

Towards the end of yesterday's hearing a police witness said he had found Fascist literature in Lord Errol's house and a card, dated 1934, showing membership of the British Union of Fascists.

Ladies' Man

A police witness said Lord Errol was Assistant Military Secretary soon after war broke out but it was not part of his duty to deal with orders for the internment of Italians.

Witness agreed Lord Errol was a successful "ladies' man."

Counsel asked: "Is there anything in this crime which precludes the possibility of its being the work of two or more persons?" Witness replied "No."

Counsel: "One of these might have been a woman?" Witness replied "Yes." — Reuter.

BRITISH MUSEUM PURCHASE

A RARE CHINESE ART TREASURE FORMED THE CHIEF PURCHASE BY THE BRITISH MUSEUM DURING 1940, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ART COLLECTION FUND, ISSUED YESTERDAY.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A LUCKY SLAM By The Four Aces

To-day's hand was overbid, but good luck combined with good play enabled South to make his Slam contract.

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NORTH
♠ A 10 8 3
♥ A Q 8 7 2
♦ Q 8 4
♣ 10

WEST
♠ Q J
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ Q 9 6 5 3

EAST
♠ K 5 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ J 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ K J 10 9
♦ A J
♣ A K 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Queen of spades, and South looked at the dummy rather disconsolately. It was possible that he would lose a diamond and two spade tricks—down two at a voluntarily bid Slam!

But there was nothing to be gained by scowling at his partner, so South decided to make his only play for the contract.

He won the first trick with dummy's spade Ace and immediately led a low diamond, successfully finessing the Jack. When that held, South breathed a mild sigh of relief, but his troubles were not yet over. The next step was to draw two rounds of trumps, and then South laid down the diamond Ace, followed by the top clubs. Dummy next ruffed a club, and South ruffed dummy's Queen of diamonds.

At this stage, both the North and South hands were void of the minor suits, each hand held trumps, and only two spades were left in the dummy. And now South led a low spade. The opponents were helpless. If West won the Jack, any return lead would allow dummy to discard the losing spade while South ruffed. And if East overtook with the spade King, dummy's spade ten would become established as a natural winner.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1/2
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Question No. 726

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different.

Minor	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. The opponents' suits are not going to develop well for them, and they ought to be set anywhere from one to four tricks, depending on the location of a few minor honours.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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HARD LUCK WORD IS SLAVERY

Sentenced to six months' imprisonment for theft and fraudulent withdrawals from a banking account, Arthur Glass (23), said that every time he tried to go straight things went wrong.

At Marylebone Police Court Glass admitted stealing a camera and a bank book, forging withdrawal forms, and obtaining sums from a Post Office banking account.

He stated that he injured himself as a builder's labourer, spending seven months in hospital. He became a seaman, and fell down a hatchway; a street photographer, he smashed his camera.

Active In Crime

Detective Cromber outlined several convictions recorded against Glass for theft. He had recently been living on the proceeds of crime.

Mr. Snell remarked that Glass had made a clever plea, but had been persistent and active in crime.

HUSBAND PLEADS FOR WIFE

A husband's plea saved a woman from being sent to prison by the Old Street Magistrate, Mr. F. O. Langley.

Mrs. Ellen Catherine Nolan (28), described as of Edgeley Road, Clapham, appeared on remand on a charge of being concerned in the theft of cigarettes and cigars valued at £1,565 from a lock-up shop in Stepney. She pleaded "Guilty."

Mr. Langley said Mrs. Nolan's husband had appealed to him not to send her to prison in spite of her record and the fact that she was involved on this occasion in a serious theft. He would take a chance and put the case back for a matter of months.

If it looked as though the couple were happy and going right, he might not have to send her to prison at all.

"It will be perfectly monstrous if either let me down," he said, remanding Mrs. Nolan on bail.

SECOND MEDAL THIS WAR

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded its bronze medal for gallantry to Coxswain Thomas H. Bloom, of its lifeboat at Walton and Frinton, who won the Institution's silver medal in October, 1939.

The Nazis "blue print" of domination is complete to the last detail. This was the gist of a broadcast to his countrymen made recently by M. Henry Hauck, well known French writer now in England.

M. Hauck quoted the words of Dr. Walter Darre, Reich Minister of Agriculture, who declared at a meeting of leaders of the Nazi party, "We will destroy France."

In the new vital space we are creating we will introduce methods which are entirely new. All land and industrial property of inhabitants not of German origin will be confiscated without exception and distributed: first members of the Nazi party, then to the soldiers. A new aristocracy of German masters will thus be created. This aristocracy will have its slaves, who will be German property. And when I say slaves do not take it for a figure of speech. We have in mind a modern form of slavery which we will establish because it is a necessary part of our mission."

Let there should be listeners who once again, as so often in the past, might be tempted to look upon such pronouncements as exaggeration. M. Hauck reminded them that already Frenchmen have been driven out of Lorraine without any shadow of legality and their land given to Germans from Saxony.

The Nazis say slavery and they mean slavery.

FROM INDO-CHINA TO SERVE

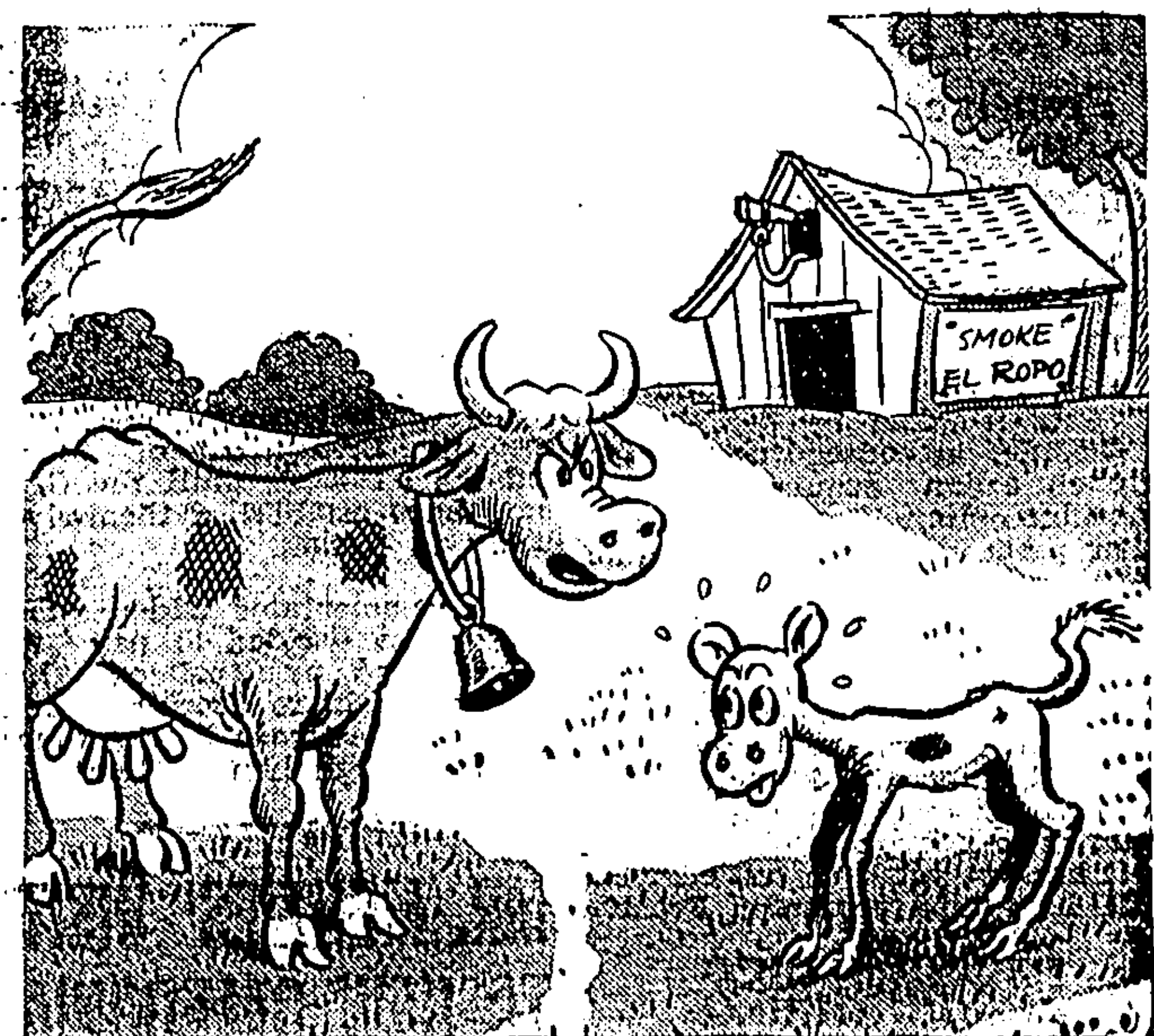
In one of the camps in England for Free French soldiers are four airmen who stole away at dawn one day from their aerodrome in Indo-China when France collapsed. They took care to make landings at British bases to refuel.

On the last hop they crossed France, passing over Tours, where one of the young Frenchmen dropped a message for his mother to tell her he was safe and was on his way to join his comrades who had decided to fight on beside their British friends in the cause of liberty.

The young French airmen never tire of telling of their magnificent reception and the kindness they received every time they landed on a British aerodrome, and they hope that all those who helped them have learned of their safe arrival.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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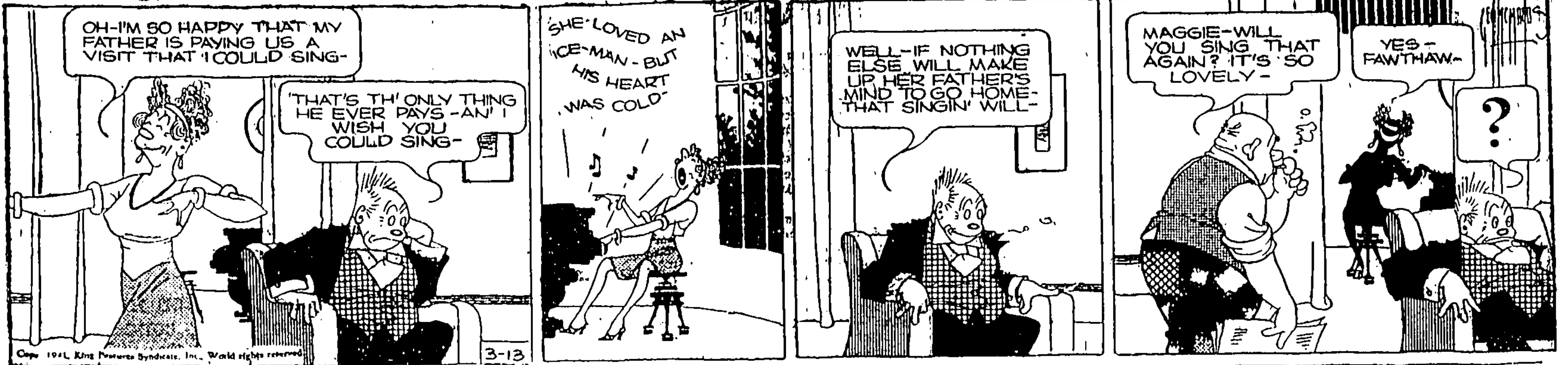
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Fashion Bares Midriffs During Day & Evening

The vogue for brief play clothes which bare one's midriff has met with popular approval. And so have evening gowns which consist of a respectable bra-top and full skirt on tight-fitting waist-band. That means, my darlings, that the skin area from bosom to navel needs special sunning if it is to match in tone with that of your exposed chest, arms, face and back! Careful sunning is the answer.

If you decide to adopt these coyly-brazen fashions (which are delightful for the hotter days) you must be content in the models you choose for day and night. A two-piece bathing suit, bra and shorts for sunning and swimming, and a gown modeled similarly, should be your choice. For the part you turn to the sun during the day must not be less than the part your gown reveals by night. You cannot call it beautiful when there is a definite line between lily white skin and the other party which has been softly bronzed!



Midriff sun fashions, intriguing to say the least, demand anointing of skin with a soothing, efficacious lotion to screen the sun's scorching rays.

Area Delicate

The midriff area is delicate — it has been covered pretty constantly since you were born so it requires the exact same treatment that a baby's skin would get. It cannot stand the amount of sun at one time which the more conditioned areas can stand, and some of the prepared sun lotions and creams used for general sun-screening will be too astringent or too heavy. For the first tannings use a mild, soft cream or lotion which would not harm a baby's skin. One of the finest for this purpose is an old-timer and an old favourite which comes in a white bottle with a blue top. Perhaps it is a favourite with you too.

Later, if you wish to encourage a deep, deep colour (which heaven forbid!) you may use one of the thicker formulas which contain some colouring.

For Men, Too

The particular sunburn lotion to which I refer has a very nice versatility for you may keep your skin as fair you desire, by applying it frequently as you sun or you may permit your skin to

take on colour by being sparing with it. Even the thinnest film filters the burning power of the sun but does allow the beneficial Vitamin D to reach your skin. The amount and frequency of application depends on two things — the sensitiveness of your skin, and the degree of tan you desire.

If a man in your family has the problem of a bald head under the sun he too, will like this sun lotion, for it is cooling and refreshing and seems to disappear as soon as it is rubbed over the skin surface. But nevertheless it does its job by keeping

his pate free of torturing sunburn and no ingredient in it will harm the few little hairs he still proudly possesses!

Midriff Sunning Good

Midriff sunning is good for you, by the by, whether you like the midriff fashions or not. An eminent doctor has voiced his opinion that sun on the stomach is beneficial for nervous stomach disorders. Many nerves centre there which respond gratefully to the relaxation of lying under the sun and the heat from it.



Billie Burke looks very cool and beguiling in her crisp white blouse, washable gloves and pert sailor. A white china lily corsage adds another note of freshness.



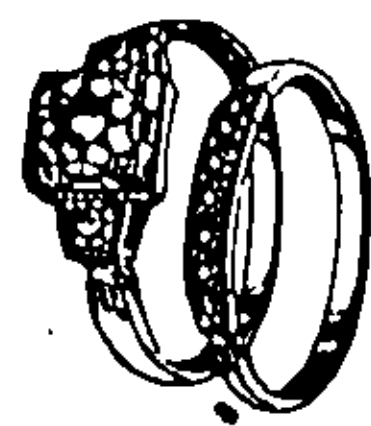
The mentally sketchy girl friend thinks when her beau says he's taken an awful beating during the day he means he's been held up.

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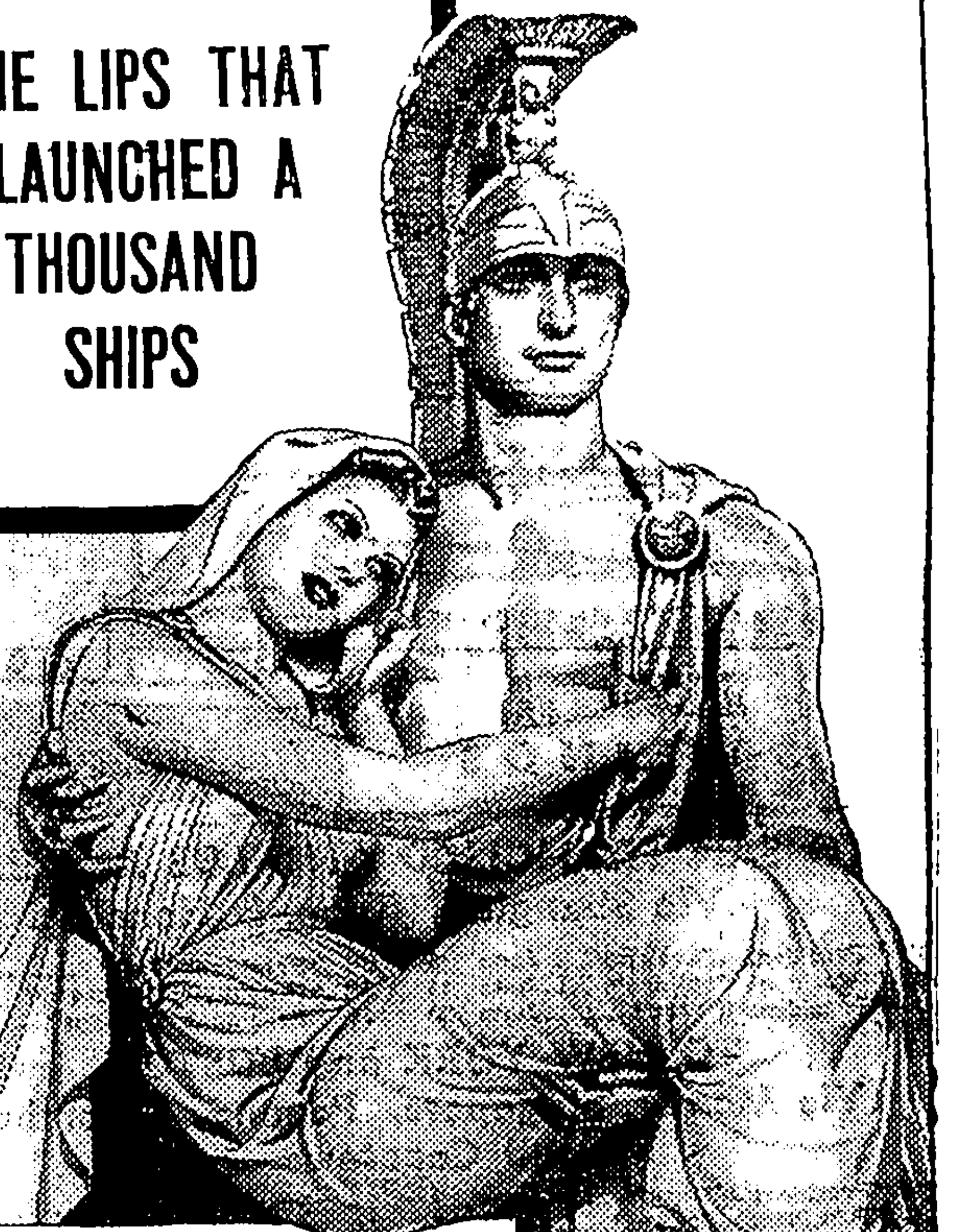


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Whispering (Schonberger).
Tea For Two ("No, No Nanette").
In a Persian Market (Ketelbey).

6.45 p.m.—Moszkowski — "From Foreign Lands" Suite... State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.8.02 p.m.—New Variety.
Vocal—My Sister and I (Kramer & others): Afraid to say Hello (Taylor—Arlen)... Bea Wain with Orch.

Piano—The Lady Craves Attention (Carroll)... Harlem (Carroll)... Eddie Carroll.

Comedian—Sitting on the Ice in the Ice Rink (Cottrell): Why Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrell—Bennett)... George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestra accomp.

Organ—Torch Parade, No. 3.
Intro: I can't love you any more: I'll never smile again, until I smile at you: Until you fall in love, I hear bluebirds. Fools rush in: We'll go smiling along Sidney Torch.

Vocal Only Forever (film "Rhythm on the River")... Turner Layton and his Piano.

8.30 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme with Maxine Sullivan.
Fox-Trots—Swanee: Ole King Cole... Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing.

I'm coming Virginia (Heywood & Cook): Loch Lomond (arr. Thorndill) (both in Fox-Trot Tempo)... Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Watcha Know Joe?... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.
Darling Nellie Grey (in Fox-Trot Tempo)... Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—My Honey's Lovin' Arms: Quick-Step—Avalon... Val Rosing & his Swing Stars.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Half an Hour of Popular Classics.
Time-Piece "Finlandia" - Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius)... Leopold Stokowski & the Philadelphia Orchestra.Le Cygne (Saint-Saens)... Marcel Mule (alto saxophone) with Piano.
Where'er You Walk (Handel)... John McCormack (Tenor) with Orch.Eccosaise (Beethoven)... Misha Levitzki (Piano).
"Rosamunde"—Ballet Music No. 2, Op. 26 (Schubert)... Serge Koussevitzky & the Boston Symphony Orchestra.Pans Angelicus (Gazzera-Grossi—Frank)... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with State Opera Orchestra.
Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff)... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Liszt—Hungarian Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra... Jacques Dupont (Piano) and the Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

10.00 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Acts I & II. Singers in Order of appearance: Corrado Zambelli, Bianca Scacciati, Ida Mannarini, Francesco Merli, Enrico Molinari, Giuseppina Zinetti, Enzo Arnaldi, Emilio Venturini and the Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

Factory-Made Ships May Solve Shipping Problem

(By A Special Correspondent)

PLANS FOR THE construction of fabricated ships in Britain have now reached an important stage.

The announcement has just been made of the registration of a new shipbuilding concern. It is called the Stockton Construction Company, Ltd. With a capital of £10,000, the company will carry out the construction of fabricated ships.

These vessels can be assembled at yards from material constructed elsewhere.

The construction of fabricated ships, which was adopted as an expedient in the last war to replace heavy losses, has received the approval of the Admiralty.

Several steel constructional firms, many of them bridge builders, are taking part in the scheme. Old shipyards that have been closed for years are being equipped as assembly establishments. The ships will be of standardised design.

Steel firms have already received large contracts for sections, which will be assembled in the yards.

Efforts are being made to perfect a type of ship which will allow construction in large numbers and in the shortest possible time.

Shipments have already been made to Great Britain from abroad of "ships in sections."

Vessels have arrived in Britain recently with cargoes entirely composed of such sections, which can, on delivery at a shipyard, be rapidly assembled.

This represents another way in which more ships are being added to our merchant fleet over and above construction at home and in the Dominion yards, the recent placing of orders for 60 ships in the U.S.A. and the purchase from the U.S.A. of old cargo steamers.

"Ships in sections" is a further advance on fabrication.

The "straight-framed" or rather, fabricated, ship was introduced during the last war in order that the production of shipping should be accelerated, and so that a large number of firms engaged in constructional work not directly associated with shipbuilding should be brought into the service of the nation.

When the Admiralty announced several weeks ago that fabricated ships were to be built, it was revealed that steel works were ready to perform their part of the work.

I understand that shipbuilders are giving their utmost support to this move on the part of the authorities, which gives promise of greatly increasing the output of cargo ships.

ARTIST AND WIFE GAOLED

The "swordstick menaces" case ended in prison sentences at the Old Bailey. Kenneth Leslie Bennett, aged nineteen, artist, of Mount Pleasant, South Ruislip, Middlesex, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

His wife, Constance Margaretta Bennett, aged nineteen, got nine months.

The Recorder (Sir Gerald Dodson) said that it was a deliberate blackmail plot skillfully carried out. But for their youth, the penalty would have been much greater.

"It is one of the sad features of modern life that young people are much older than their years, and do things which older people would never dream of doing," added the Recorder.

The couple were found guilty of demanding £250 with menaces from Mr. Harold Shatter of East-cote, Middlesex.

"Offer" To Girl, 17

Miss Margarita Cotton, aged seventeen, friend of Mrs. Bennett, alleged that Mr. Shatter asked her if she would like a fur coat.

She continued: "I said: 'They are very nice.' Then he said: 'If I can get my wife to go to Scotland for three weeks, will you take a flat with me? You can have all the coats and jewellery you like and £5 a week.'"

I replied: 'I would not dream of doing anything like that.'"

Previously, he had given her £10 because he said he was "interested in her."

Inspector Smith said: "Kenneth Bennett imagines himself to be superior to the rest of his family, and is vain and self-seeking."

LIVE BOMB UNDER HIS BED

After sleeping with a live 25lb. bomb under his bed since last October, a man has been accused of receiving it and not reporting its situation.

He is thirty-year-old Philip Stenard, cabinet-maker, of Glenroy Street, Wood-lane, Shepherd's Bush, who pleaded guilty at West London.

Detective - Inspector Sands said that up to two weeks ago Stenard had lived at Shinfeld Street, Shepherd's Bush, where, after he had left, another tenant found the bomb under the bed. "It had been there since last October," said the Inspector.

Very Much Alive

"Another man took it to the house and the rod was taken from the nose. By doing that they thought the bomb, a British one, had been rendered harmless."

"In fact the detonator was still there and it was very much alive."

The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, ordering a week's remand, said he wanted to know what the other man was doing with the bomb.

Stenard was allowed bail.

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"When the bulbs and fittings disappeared we put up new ones and fixed them in wire cages," Mr. H. A. Brown, borough surveyor, told the "Daily Mirror."

"Now the fittings have gone again, and the cages have disappeared with them."

Mr. Brown is to ask the council to approve of the use of shelters by fire-watching parties.

"That will help to prevent destruction by those who want petting parties," he added.

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SIXTEEN GAOL TERMS AT 29

To a record of 15 previous convictions of 29-year-old Ng Sik, the 16th was added this morning when he was sentenced to two years' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy for the theft of a purse containing \$10.98 from an Indian soldier, Sagan Singh.

The sentence was imposed by two Magistrates, Mr. H. C. Macnamara and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson.

FINE FOR FIREWOOD PROFITEERING

For selling firewood at a price higher than that fixed by Government, Chau Nam, 25, shop fook, of No. 361, Portland Street, was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning.

Sgt. B. Ross said that on May 14, accused told a woman that the cost of firewood was 32 cents per dollar. This was overheard by a constable who arrested accused.

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HE CAN TEACH WOMEN HOW TO KNIT

Women cannot compete with Mr. Albert Bunney, of Bunney, Lancs., who can knit a pair of socks a day, and is well on the way to finishing his 200th pair for the local Mayor's Fund.

Mr. Bunney, now fifty-eight, was taught knitting at the age of eleven by his three sisters to keep him out of mischief.

His treatment as a prisoner of war in Germany during the last war so affected his health that he was only able to do occasional jobs.

"I make all the jerseys, glove, and caps required by my wife and two daughters," he told the "Daily Mirror." "I use small needles," he said, "and I don't work jerkily or let go of the needles."

"Far too many women use long needles and take their hands off them at every stitch. The result is that their knitting is a slow and nerve-racking business, instead of being a soothing hobby."

RELIEFS FOR U.S. MARINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. transport Henderson left Shanghai yesterday afternoon for the United States with 324 of the Fourth Marines. When she arrived in Shanghai the Henderson brought 150 replacements. While the number of replacements is less than those leaving, no great significance is attached to the matter locally.—International News Service.

ANOTHER STRIKE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The labour situation in Shanghai took a critical turn yesterday with rice shop employees submitting demands for better treatment, with an ultimatum that if the demands are refused a general strike will be called affecting all shops in the foreign areas.—International News Service.

TEA QUOTA UP

The International Tea Committee yesterday raised the tea quota for the current period of regulation from 90 to 95 per cent, with a view to alleviating the position of the Eastern markets, where the Committee thinks prices have risen extravagantly, says Reuter from London to-day.

UNMUZZLED DOG

Mr. L. E. Lammert, No. 1, Chatham Road, was summoned before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, this morning for allowing his dog to wander abroad without a muzzle or lead.

Pleading guilty through a representative defendant was fined \$5.



A fine view of the Dunthwaite estate near Cockermouth, left to the National Trust by the Rev. Daniel Harrison, who died last September. There are 427 acres including the house at Dunthwaite (1785), Shepherdfield Cottage (1739), and Kirkhouse Farm. The estate, which is two miles from the foot of Bassenthwaite Lake, is bounded for over a mile by the River Derwent, which lies at the foot of the hill from which the picture was taken. Mr. Harrison was the last representative of a family which had lived there since 1696, and the National Trust has undertaken to preserve the estate as he wished.

FORGERY AND PERJURY CHARGES: WILL CASE

AT THE SUPREME COURT this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Lui Fook-wing alias Kong Keung, 45, a broker, and Li Wah-sing, alias Li Pang, 37, unemployed, were charged at the Criminal sessions on several counts in connection with the alleged forged will of one, Lau Mau, a returned Chinese from Melbourne.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sub-Inspector G. A. Goodwin, was for the prosecution, while the defence was conducted by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The jury was composed of Messrs. Henry Kew (foreman), Yeung Hok-wing, L. G. Gardner, Kuo Hsu-sang, Young Tng-sang, Yang Cheng-toh and Ko-Yau-cheung.

Mr. Murphy said that the first charge against both accused was that early in 1940 they conspired to forge the will of Lau Mau. Second accused was charged with forging the will. First accused was charged with uttering the forged will, with intent to defraud.

Perjury Charges

First accused was charged on two counts of perjury in that he made an affirmation, for the purpose of probate, that the will was the true and last will of Lau Mau, and with obtaining money by virtue of this forgery through the mortgage of property that had passed under the probate of the will.

Mr. Murphy said Lau Mau was a vegetable gardener in Melbourne where he had been for some years and on his retirement returned to his native village in Toi Shan district nearly 10 years ago.

Lau Mau died on March 27, 1939 and, as far as the relatives and elders of the village knew, died intestate. From Chinese custom in the village, if Lau Mau had made a will, the relatives and elders would have known about it. The alleged will was made in June, 1939, after the death of deceased.

The Crown would produce witnesses, who would say that the signature was not Lau Mau's. The jury would have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that the will was a forgery.

House in Hong Kong

Lau Mau owned a house in Hong Kong and the title deeds were kept in a safe in his house in the village. In May, 1940, a robbery took place at the house and the safe, with the title deeds, was stolen and taken away.

Li Yat-sing, who had turned King's evidence, was a clansman of second accused. He would say that in June, 1940, he was indebted to second accused for a considerable sum. In June, second

accused asked him to put his signature as a witness to a will. In consideration, second accused promised him that the debt would be forgiven and this was agreed.

Later, second accused produced the will by arrangement at Messrs. On Lok-yuen. The document had already been signed with the characters, Lau Mau. Li Yat-sing added his signature to the document.

At a later date, second accused admitted to Li Yat-sing that he had himself had written the characters Lau Mau.

In June, 1940, first accused was introduced to a clerk of Messrs. Lyson and Hall and said he wished to obtain probate of a will. Some days later, he brought a document, the forged will, and the title deeds to the house.

There was no allegation, said Mr. Murphy, that either accused had stolen the title deeds.

Fabrication

On June 20 last year, first accused went to the Supreme Court Registry and made an affirmation that the will was the true and original will of Lau Mau. The charge of perjury was based on that fact. In this affirmation, first accused said that Lau Mau had been a laundryman and had carried on business in California. Both these statements were complete fabrications.

First accused mortgaged the house for \$3,000 in August.

The Crown's case was that both accused conspired to forge the will and that the second did the actual forging.

Both were arrested in 1941 and first accused, charged with uttering a forged document, said he had nothing to say. Second accused, in answer to the charge of forgery, said that he did not forge the will of Lau Mau.

Elder's Evidence

Evidence was given by Lau Tung-wai, elder of the village, who stated that he lived in Melbourne till some 10 years ago. He came from the same village as deceased, whom he had known in his childhood, and for a long time in Australia. Lau Mau, while in Melbourne, was engaged as a vegetable gardener. Lau Mau returned to China a short while before witness. As far as he knew Lau Mau had never been to America. He was always on intimate terms with Lau Mau and his family. Lau Mau left behind a son, who is in Rangoon, a

STEALER OF PUMPS CAUGHT

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning, charges of loitering at the back of No. 2, Hau Wong Road; possession of housebreaking implements, and larceny of three water motor pumps from Nos. 370, 376 and 378, Prince Edward Road, were preferred against a 26-year-old Chinese, Cheung Hon.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dorman said that accused was seen on the wall of No. 2, Hau Wong Road about 4.15 a.m. on Monday. A constable chased and arrested him.

Accused admitted that he stole the three pumps and was remanded for three days.

BURGLAR ARRESTED

Twelve months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning on Chiu Hung, 21, charged with breaking into Mr. Q. Castilho's residence, No. 41, Hankow Road, top floor; with possession of a rope ladder and a chisel; and with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Accused was seen climbing the ladder. In a struggle with Mr. Castilho, accused received a bruise on the left eye.

STEADY MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday but generally steady, business being largely confined to selective investment buying of industrials, which occasionally were higher. Gilt-edged and home rails moved narrowly; oils were dull, apart from some enquiry for Mexican Eagles, and Kaffirs closed steady at slightly lower levels. Among foreign issues Japanese and Egyptian bonds eased slightly. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

daughter-in-law and three daughters. Witness was in the village when Lau Mau died and was buried.

In his capacity as an elder, he would know of any wills made by the villagers. If Lau Mau had made a will he would have known and he did not hear of him making a will.

He did not know first accused, who was no relation of Lau Mau. Accused had no connection with the village and he had not seen him in the village since the death of Lau Mau.

He remembered the armed robbery which occurred at Lau Mau's house in May, 1940.

Case is proceeding.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

GOOD SUPPORT FOR THE WATER-POLO TOURNEYS

By "Squaddy"

FOLLOWING TEAMS have entered for the Small Units Water Polo competition, and this year the large number of teams should make this competition very interesting.

27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (1); 27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (2); 12th Coast Bty., R.A.; H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt.; A Coy., Middlesex Regt.; 30th Coast Bty., R.A.; 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.; H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots; C Coy., Royal Scots; B Coy., Middlesex Regt.; D Coy., Royal Scots; 36th Coast Bty., R.A.; 965th Bty., R.A.; 24th Coast Bty., R.A.; D Coy., Middlesex Regt.; C Coy., Middlesex Regt.; H.K. Signal Coy.; B Coy., Royal Scots and A Coy., Royal Scots.

Following is the draw for this competition, first round must be completed before June 7, and second round by June 28

FIRST ROUND

24th Coast Bty., R.A. v D Coy., Middlesex Regt.
C Coy., Middlesex Regt. v H.K. Signal Coy.
B Coy., Royal Scots v A Coy., Royal Scots

SECOND ROUND

27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (2) v 12th Coast Bty., R.A.
H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt. v A Coy., Middlesex Regt.
30th Coast Bty., R.A. v 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.
H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots v 27th Coy., R.A.M.C. (1).
C Coy., Royal Scots v B Coy., Middlesex Regt.
D Coy., Royal Scots v 36th Coast Bty., R.A.
965th Coast Defence Bty., v either 24th Coast Bty., R.A. or D Coy., Middlesex Regt.

Winners of C Coy., Middlesex Regt. and H.K. Signal Coy. v Winners of B Coy., Royal Scots and A Coy., Royal Scots.

Seven teams have entered for the Large Units competition, these being the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.; 9th Coast Regt., R.A.; 12th Coast Regt., R.A.; H.K. Signal Coy.; Royal Scots; Middlesex Regt. and Combined Small Units.

This year H.K. Signal Coy. are entering a team of their own for this competition. Combined Small Units team will not be allowed to play any of their team in this competition.

The draw is as follows:

FIRST ROUND

8th Coast Regt., R.A. v 2nd Royal Scots.
H.K. Signal Coy. v 12th Coast Regt., R.A.
Middlesex Regt. v Combined Small Units.

Semi-Final

5th A.A. Regt., R.A. v winners of first named match.
Winners of H.K. Signal Coy. and 12th Coast Regt., R.A. v winners of Middlesex Regt. and Combined Small Units.

The first round to be played off before August 2, Semi-Final before August 9.

The rules for these competitions will be as laid down in the Hong Kong Area Sports Board Handbook, and the "No Ducking" rule will be adhered to throughout the competition.

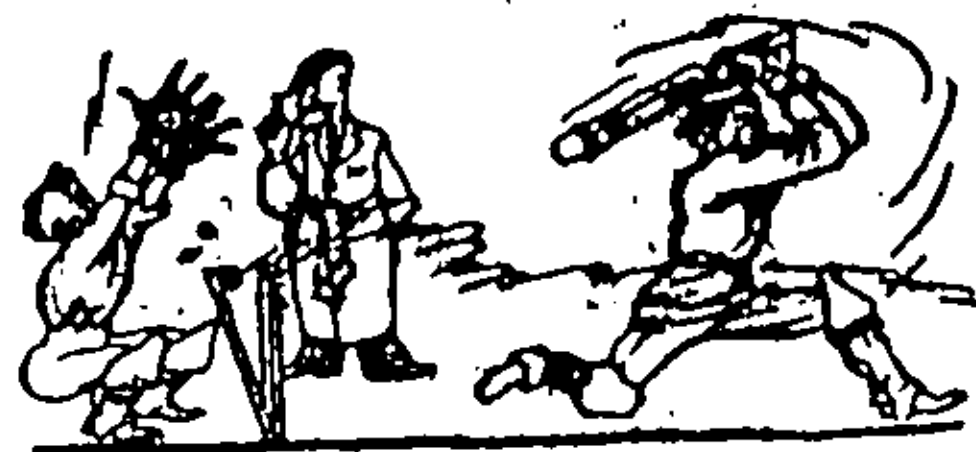
Extra Time

In the event of a draw, one period of three minutes each way will be played with one minute for half time.

In the event of the score still being equal a replay of the match will take place.

The following is the list of recognised referees:

Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots), Pte. Davidson (Royal Scots), P.S.M. Ure (Middlesex), L/Cpl. Bindon (Middlesex), Sgt. Baker (Middlesex), Bdm. Hymas (Middlesex), Pte. Jennings (Middlesex), Cpl. Bedford (Signals), L/Cpl. Dignan (Signals), Sig. McCann (Signals), Sig. Willis (Signals), Sgt. McLaren (Signals) and Cpl. Nicols (R.A.M.C.).



CRICKETERS' FORM AIR SQUADRON

Cricketers in India, where Maharashtra have retained the Inter-Provincial championship by beating Madras, are, through the Indian States Sports Federation, establishing a Ranji Air Squadron in memory of the late Ranjitsinhji, India's famous cricketer.

The present Maharajah, Jam Sahab of Nawanagar, Ranji's successor, is patron of the fund which he has started with a gift of £10,000 and Prince Duleepsinhji, his brother, is Treasurer. — Reuter.



I.R.C.'S BIG VICTORY

In the only First Division League tennis match played yesterday, Indian R.C. beat the H.K.C.C. by nine sets to nil.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)

beat Shields Goodman and M. Pugh 6-2

beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-3

beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-3

A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)

lost to Goodman and Pugh 2-6

beat Oxlade and Barwell 6-2

drew with Monaghan and Gould 6-6

I. M. A. Rzaek and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)

lost to Goodman and Pugh 0-6

lost to Oxlade and Barwell 2-6

beat Monaghan and Gould 7-5

Owing to volunteer duties, the Kowloon C.C. Recreation match was postponed, while that between South China and Chinese R.C. was also not played.

ARMY TENNIS

Two matches in the "A" Division of the Army League were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when F. A. Staff defeated Royal Army Ordnance Corps by two points to one, while Royal Army Medical Corps received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals.

8/Sgt. Duffield and 8/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.)

lost to W. A. Reed and F. A. Husain, 4-6, 6-3, 2-5.

Sgt. Boocock and Gardner (R.A.O.C.)

beat A. W. Galpin and G. Navey, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Wardle and Stoner (R.A.O.C.)

lost to H. W. Browne and G. B. Gurevitch, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

There will be only two matches in the Second Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, when Civil Service Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association will meet Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Cricket Club respectively.

The match between South China and Chinese Recreation Club has been postponed, owing to the unfitness of ground of the home team.

Following are some of the teams for to-day's matches.

C.S.C.C.—I. Agaturoff and J. A. Bendali; B. Agaturoff and W. J. Skinner; M. Yatskin and C. Sloan.

K.C.C.—A. E. P. Guest and B. Grose; F. Zimmern and R. T. Broadbridge; N. A. E. Mackay and F. J. Kengelbacker.

SENIOR MATCH TO-MORROW

The First Division League tennis match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Recrelo will be played at K.C.C. to-morrow. This fixture was postponed from Monday owing to volunteer duties.

Following teams have been selected:

K.C.C.—E. F. Fincher and D. J. N. Anderson; E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett; S. A. Gray and A. Crawford.

Recrelo—A. V. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves; J. J. Remedios and W. A. Reed; H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto.

COMING BRITISH BOXERS

Now seems to me an appropriate moment for assessing the prospects of some of our young boxers, writes Jimmy Wilde, ex-Flyweight Champion of the World.

Youngsters strongly fancied to win British titles are Harry Lazar, welter-weight; Harry Groves, lightweight; and Jimmy Lyden, the new bantam-weight star from Bootle.

Lazar tells me he doesn't think he will remain in the light-weight class much longer. He met Frankie Jackson, a Wembley kennel boy, at the Cambridge Theatre, W., recently.

Tom Reddington v Geo. Markwick, Johnny Ward v Billy Charlton, and Dave McCleave v Jim Laverick were other fights in that programme.

Curiously, both Lazar and Lyden have suffered but one reverse. Lazar was disqualified in the first round at Hackney, when opposing Frankie Jackson, and Lyden was ruled out in similar circumstances at Liverpool.

The Bootle lad has won 25 out of 28 contests.

Not so long ago Lyden out-pointed Peter Kane, thus bringing his name bang into the news.

Lyden's father used to fight at the old Liverpool Stadium when Major Wilson was in charge.

Lazar is 18, and I feel confident he will be difficult to beat when he has matured.

Groves is skilful in defence, and since he entered the professional ranks has an unblemished record. He seems destined to win a title.

ALWAYS KEPT FIT

One of the most finished ring artists was Jack Hood, of Birmingham, who held the British welter-weight title for eight years, and relinquished the honour in 1934, when he retired from the ring.

Hood's three fights with Len Harvey for the latter's British middle-weight championship were duels of strategy.

The first, in October, 1929, Harvey won on points over 15 rounds.

Hood was dissatisfied, and two months later he met Harvey in a return. This took place at Olympia, and the referee decided upon a draw, which was a fair reflex of the fight. In June, 1931, they met at the Albert Hall, and Harvey rightly received a points verdict.

Jeff Dickson, American promoter, owed a great deal to Hood, because the Birmingham boxer was Dickson's dependable "stand-by."

On one occasion Dickson was in a dilemma. He had matched Harvey with Vince Dundee, whom Dickson had brought from America, and the fight was booked to take place at the White City.

As Dundee had obtained two decisions over Harvey in New York, there was exceptional interest in the match, it being thought that Len would be able to obtain his revenge. Three days before the date of the fight, however, Harvey was taken ill and compelled to cancel his appearance.

Dickson pondered. "It's O.K.," he said, smilingly. "Jack Hood will fill the breach."

Jack had done no training for many months. Wisely he refused to do a day's gymnasium work, saying that it would stiffen his muscles. He was right. And what a grand battle he put up to share honours with Dundee at the finish!

Nursing his strength, he made Dundee carry the fight to him. Then, standing upright, Hood made his opponent miss again and again. When he had Dundee tired, Hood joined in fighting.

Hood also acted as deputy for Harvey against another clever American, Dave Shado, and held him to a draw. A return ended similarly. Harvey's fights took place at the Albert Hall.

CHESS

BIRIUKOFF IN STRONG POSITION

The Colony Junior Chess Championship came very near to a standstill last week, three games being completed and 20 left unfinished or to be played as the tournament chart pointed to the fact that the Tournament should have officially closed on Thursday.

Biriukoff remains in what appears to be an unassailable lead and holds a better position than To Yu-lau, his nearest challenger, in their adjourned game. Danenberg challenges for second place should he lose the game.

Results last week were: R. C. Danenberg beat V. V. Kolatchoff, Un Kwai-yung beat Wm. Lee and J. Grefalda beat J. H. d'Almeida.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Un Kwai-yung	12	8	1	3	8½
A. Y. Biriukoff	9	7	1	1	7½
A. Kurrik	12	7	3	3	7½
R. C. Danenberg	10	6	2	2	7
J. Grefalda	11	5	2	4	6
To Yu-lau	7	4	2	1	5
T. Tausz	9	5	0	4	5
V. V. Kolatchoff	10	3	2	5	4
E. M. Petrovo	9	3	1	5	3½
Wm. Lee	11	3	0	8	3
R. C. Gardner	7	2	1	4	2½
A. Morton	6	1	1	4	1½
J. H. d'Almeida	11	1	0	10	1

HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week:

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

War Cup Final Replay

Preston v Arsenal

London Cup Semi-Finals

Reading v Crystal Palace

Tottenham v Brentford

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v Portsmouth

Millwall v Fulham

Cardiff v Wolves

Leicester v Northampton

Queen's Park v West Ham

Walsall v West Bromwich

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH

Challenge Match

Brighton v Watford

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v Chester

Bolton v Oldham

Bury v Manchester City

Liverpool v Everton

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL

Rangers v Patrick

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Monday Cup

Aldershot v Brentford

Crystal v Reading

Queen's Park v Fulham

Leicester v Notts F.

Portsmouth v Southampton

HAMPSHIRE CUP FINAL

West Ham v Millwall

NORTH REGIONAL

Everton v Liverpool

Blackpool v Preston North End

—Reuter.

A. J. OSMUND BEATEN

A billiards and snooker match took place yesterday at Tsimshat-sui when the Water Police Station entertained Recrelo and won 708-600.

A. J. Osmund, former Colony billiards champion, playing for the Portuguese, lost to C. Pile by nine.

After the match, Mr. D. Terren gave an exhibition of snooker.

Billiards—C. Pile beat A. J. Osmund 150-141; H. Matches lost to P. A. Yvanovich 141-150.

Snooker—J. Campbell beat C. Roza Perela 97-60; W. Morris lost to E. M. Soares 79-118; L. Haynes beat C. Cunha 109-80; S. Randall beat J. C. Remedios 118-70.

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ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS LIKELY TO BE REVIVED

V.R.C. Interested In Meeting For December Wealth Of Talent In The Colony

By "Adrem"

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK OF ATHLETICS RECENTLY AND SO SOME INFORMATION THAT HAS JUST COME TO HAND WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ALL LOVERS OF THE SPORT.

FAMOUS GOLFING BROTHERS

(By HENRY COTTON, Winner of Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937)

Youngest of three famous golfing brothers, Reginald Arthur Whitcombe owes much to the example and encouragement of Ernest and Charles; but the fact that all of them were so good stood repeatedly in the path of Reginald's chances of becoming a regular Ryder Cup player.

The three brothers for a long time were good enough to be in the first eight players in Great Britain.

For a number of years these modest brothers won golf's biggest professional prizes, and beat consistently players whose names were household words, without quite winning the mantle of champion for themselves.

Then, in 1938, Reg. won the Open Championship, and at last a Whitcombe had put this famous golfing name on the cup.

When the selectors met to pick our international team Reg. was the unlucky Whitcombe. For a long time he was regarded as a brilliant golfer, liable to do a 64 or a 66, but not good enough to win. In fact, it almost grew up with him that he was the third Whitcombe.

Since his win in the Open at St. George's, he established himself as Whitcombe No. 1, although it can be claimed that his brothers, at 50 and 45 years of age respectively, may be losing their competition keenness.

Reg. is a big, hefty fellow and he hits the ball a long way.

All Or Nothing

In 1933 I asked Reg. to be my partner when the "News of the World" accepted a challenge from the backers of the two South Africans, Sid Brown and Bobby Locke, to play a 72-hole for £500 a side. It was all or nothing. If we lost we got nothing and had to pay our own expenses.

The match at Walton Heath was played at a snail's pace, each of the four rounds taking nearly four hours.

After I had asked Reg. to play, and he had accepted, he won the championship, which gave the match added interest. He had been playing well, but somehow we were both below our form in the big match, and only our experience enabled us to combine well enough to keep our opponents within range.

I thought the slow pace was annoying Reg, but when we came to the last nine holes, and the strain was telling he began to hit the ball better, and we won on the post by 2 and 1.

I shall always remember the way he backed up my effort in those last nine holes, and he contributed largely to our final success on the "run in."

Reg. uses the same type of grip on the club as his two brothers, and addresses the ball in a confident, definite manner. His last touchdown of the club-head behind the ball gives me the impression that he knows exactly what he is going to do when the moment comes to make the shot.

His putting is sound and, like most first-class players, it can be brilliant at times. I like his spoon shots best, but he is a good player from the tee and claims the mashie as his favourite club.

Older residents will recall the old days of the Colony athletic championships, which, like the swimming championships, were organised by Victoria Recreation Club.

I have just been informed that V.R.C., feeling a big demand for athletics in the many smaller sports meetings which have been held recently, are exploring the possibilities of reviving the Colony meet that was such an integral part of Colony sport about 15 years ago.

Tentative plans have already been made and December selected as being the time of the year most suitable. Mr. Lionel Roza Pereira, Hon. Secretary of V.R.C., is very keen on the idea and if he has anything to do with it, and of course in his official capacity he has—the meet will materialise.

With athletes like E. L. Clegg, former Cambridge quarter-miler, C. B. Teesdale and the wealth of talent at University, the Army and the schools, there is no reason why a very high standard should not be set.

CARDIFF'S UNDER 20'S EXCEL

(By ALEX JAMES, Former

Scotland and Arsenal Star)
Spurs 3, Cardiff City 3

Cardiff City came to town in the war-time Cup to give 'Spurs one of the shocks of the competition. Until late in the game Cardiff held a three-goal lead, and deserved it.

Experience told in the long run, however, and a great second-half rally gained 'Spurs three goals to bring the scores level. But it was not until Burgess went outside left and Willie Hall inside-right that 'Spurs showed any penetration, although previously Gibbons had not had the best of luck with some splendid efforts.

I. Broadis, with a hat-trick, saved 'Spurs.

I had heard a lot in my travels about the play of Cardiff, but frankly I was amazed at their skill and dash, especially in defence. The Welshmen played "first-time" football, and as a result they threw 'Spurs out of gear.

This youthful Cardiff side—nine of them are under 20—more than upheld the great traditions of the club. The other two players supplied the necessary balance, and when I mention that one of them was "Jackie" Burns, the old Brentford favourite, at right-half, London fans will readily realise what I mean. Granville at right-back, was the other stalwart.

It was typical cup-tie football, strenuous and fast, and, as I have explained, played with a vast amount of skill. It was a real thriller.

Cardiff "schoolboys," as the crowd nicknamed them, took an early grip on the game, and held on to their advantage with grim determination, which won for them the admiration of spectators.

Moore, in obtaining two goals for Cardiff, brought his total for the season to 32, and "Jackie" Burns scored a real beauty.

COMBINED SWIMMING GALA IN OFFING

It is understood that a meeting will be called in the course of the week between V.R.C., European Y.M.C.A. and representatives of the Chinese clubs with the view to holding a combined swimming gala in the near future.

HOGAN COMPARED TO JONES

Horton Smith believes Ben Hogan's golfing performance for the last two years has been as phenomenal—in a different way—as Bobby Jones' record when the Atlantan was monopolising championships.

"That isn't taking anything away from Jones," smiled the handsome Smith as he relaxed after the rigorous international four-ball tournament.

Different Light

"I don't believe Jones' achievements will be equalled in our lifetime, but you must analyse him and Hogan in an entirely different light.

"Jones concentrated on major tournaments and won them. Hogan and many of the other professionals, however, are striving for consistent low scores week by week the year round.

"It has almost reached the point where victories are incidental. Naturally, Hogan and every other golfer want to win, but he would prefer to finish near the top in tournament after tournament than to win the national open and make a poor showing the rest of the year.

"At the moment Ben is recognised as golf's top player. Until he and Gene Sarazan won the fourball, Hogan hadn't finished first in a 1941 tournament. Yet he was the top money winner and had the best average score during 1940 and is leading in both departments again this year.

Achieving Goal

"He is achieving his goal, and it is a remarkable thing when you consider the great calibre and quantity of his competition."

Smith, a keen student of golf, turned to an analysis of his own game. In his four-ball semi-final match, Horton went into an amazing putting streak during which he scored birdies on seven out of 10 holes over the difficult Miami Biltmore course.

"The touch came to me suddenly," said Smith. "I had been playing worse this season than in years, chiefly because poor putting had undermined my confidence.

"Even if it meant the loss of tournaments, I would much rather play consistently well than to have one of these occasional brilliant streaks."

SUNDAY'S LEAGUE LAWN BOWLS

The First Division Lawn Bowls League game between Craigen-gower Cricket Club and Club de Hecreto "B" will be played on Sunday and not on Saturday.

ASSOCIATION THAT HELPED NOW UNABLE TO CONTINUE

THE FUTURE of American national amateur tennis well might hang in the balance.

In the past, California racket representatives have been fortunate enough to make remarkable showings in national competition. Among these are Ellsworth Vines, Don Budge, Johnny Doeg, national singles champs; Gene Mako, Ted Schroader, and Jack Kramer, national doubles champions.

FORMOSA--P.I. SWIMMING OFF

The annual Philippines-Formosa swimming meet, which was scheduled to be held in Formosa this year, was formally called off last week by the Formosan Athletic Association because no definite answer was received to the invitation which was extended to the Philippines in December 23, 1940.

The Association announced that preparations had been going on despite Philippine silence but the proximity of the opening date caused cancellation.

The meet had been held six times in the past. — Domei.

CRICKET DAY

They laid out a cricket pitch on the Trinity College football field at Harstford Conn, on May 24 so that all the British boys living in New England could celebrate Empire Day in a fitting manner.

A typically English pavilion was erected near by so that non-cricketers could sip tea while watching the match between the refugee youths and a team of the refugee youths and a team of Americans familiar with the game.

These and other victories were made possible largely through the financial aid of the Southern California Tennis Association, which sent outstanding local players to the East to participate in large tournaments.

Gerald C. Young, president of the association, announced recently that because of "substantially reduced revenue," this activity would have to be dropped.

Drop In Profits

This association, an outgrowth of the Pacific Southwest championship tournament, is sponsored by a group of philanthropic sportsmen who have the good of the sport alone in mind. Although these men undoubtedly contribute generously from their own pockets, much of its money is derived from gate receipts at these tournaments. Recently, perhaps because of the absence of European headliners, the tournament has not drawn as well, therefore the drop in profits.

It is lamentable that the action of the Association was found necessary. It is lamentable both for Southern California tennis players who may not get the chance to compete in national tournaments and it is lamentable for the game as a whole, which will not be able to benefit by Western players, who, like their predecessors, might be able to make the championship grade.

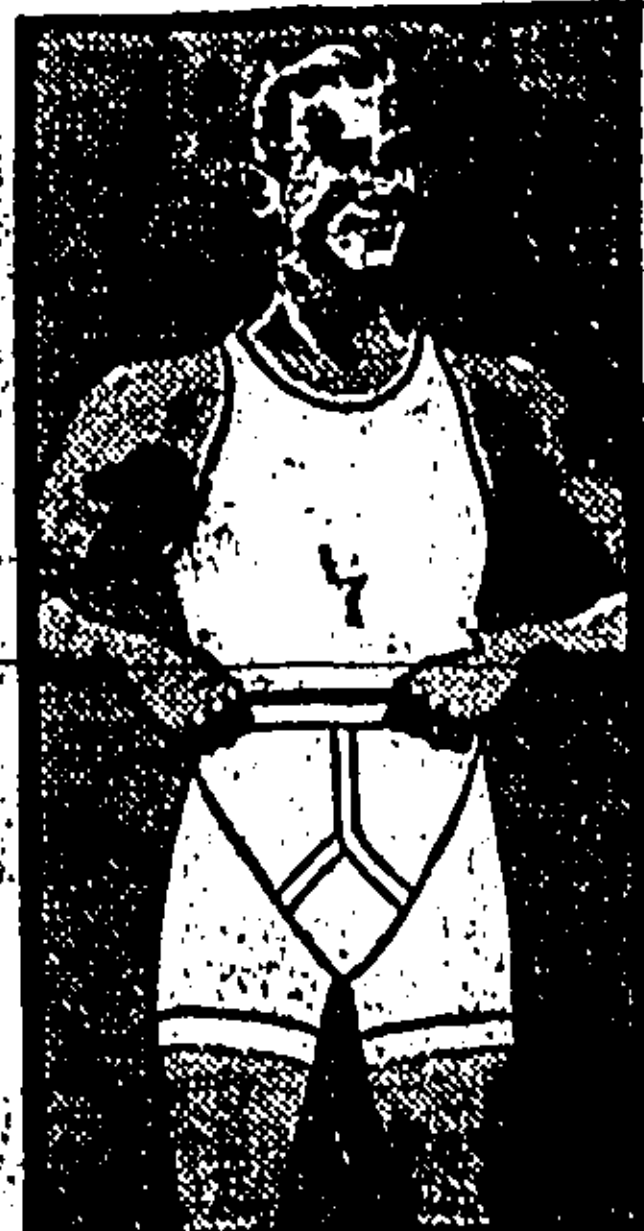


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BAER'S TITLE CLAIM

The District of Columbia Boxing Commission, after hearing the complaint of Ancil Hoffman, Buddy Baer's manager, that Baer was "robbed" of the title match with Joe Louis, announced yesterday that the Commission's decision would be delivered at an early date.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Claude Owen, who said Louis "very definitely" hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round, said Mike Jacobs, Louis' manager, had agreed to match Louis and Baer again for the title in Washington in September or October.

Mr. Owen expressed the belief that the National Boxing Association would recognise Baer as the title holder if the Commission ruled he won on a foul, but indicated the Commission's hands were tied because local regulations specified the referee's

RENEWED INTERVENTION BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT IN THE CRETE FIGHTING WAS REVEALED IN YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO.

The communique says that heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out on Sunday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained.

At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others badly damaged. The aerodrome at Malemi and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop carriers, were the principal targets.

BOMBS FELL AMONG LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF JU 52 TROOP CARRIERS, CAUSING GREAT DESTRUCTION AND DAMAGE

One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing.

Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay.

Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft.

decision was irreversible. — Reuter.

Iraq Activity

The communique also reports activity in Iraq.

A large number of sorties, it says, was made on Sunday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started.

The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft, which were machine-gunned on the ground, were severely damaged.

At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire.

Enemy aircraft attacked the R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah but there were no Service casualties.

South African aircraft attacked enemy defences and motor transport in the neighbourhood of the Omo River.

Direct Hits

Direct hits were obtained on bridges and ferries and a number of transport vehicles were destroyed.

Enemy planes made a machine-gun attack on Ta Kali aerodrome in Malta, on Sunday, several enemy planes being damaged.

From the above successful operations, all British aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

SECOND BATTLE OF JUTLAND REPORTED IN PROGRESS

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It seems probable that the German squadron has been located and that British warships are already at close range. It is probable even that the combat has started.

"A" PAGE 1 MAIN STORY
(A REUTER "FLASH" MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK QUOTES THE "NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR" AS REPORTING THAT A BIG NAVAL BATTLE IS GOING ON OFF THE COAST OF DENMARK — A SECOND BATTLE OF JUTLAND — WITH THE GERMAN SQUADRON, INCLUDING BISMARCK, OPPOSING A SUPERIOR BRITISH SQUADRON).

LONDON IS FILLED WITH RUMOURS. ONE SAYS THE BISMARCK HAS BEEN SUNK. ANOTHER THAT UNITED STATES WARSHIPS HELPED THE BRITISH FLEET TO SPOT THE GERMANS. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

BOMBS DROPPED ON EAST COAST

There was some slight activity by enemy aircraft yesterday in the coastal areas, states an Air Ministry communique. Bombs were dropped in a town on the East Coast in the afternoon and caused some damage and a small number of casualties. — Reuter.

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TURKEY AND GERMAN RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A telephoned message from Rome yesterday declared that Turkey and Germany have signed an agreement "facilitating Axis aims in the Near East." The Italian censor twice interrupted transmission and details are unknown. — International News Service.

LONDON'S WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Total amount raised during London's War Weapons Week was officially announced yesterday as £120,410,000 which is an average per head of population of £21. — Reuter.

LIFE IN BESIEGED TOBRUK

While the Western Desert is fairly quiet an interesting picture of life in Tobruk was given in Cairo yesterday by an eye-witness recently returned.

Despite frequent bombings there are still a "great many livable buildings in Tobruk, where only troops and no civilians are to be seen."

There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming.

Most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself, where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch-time and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but have been little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Asked to comment on Admiral Reader's so-called warning to the United States, an official Japanese spokesman in Tokyo this morning told foreign correspondents that American convoys for supplies to England would give rise to a "most difficult and dangerous situation."

Questioned about British black-listing of 92 Japanese boats, the spokesman insisted that the action itself was incomprehensible to Tokyo, but intimated that counter-action was not contemplated. — Reuter.

Two well-dressed Chinese youths attempted to rob a girl-escort of her money and jewellery early this morning in a Chinese hotel. The youths were, however, apprehended. The girl has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from injuries received in a struggle with the two youths.

One hundred and seventy-eight cases of tuberculosis with 131 deaths; 26 of cholera with 15 deaths; 35 of dysentery with 10 deaths; 18 of enteric fever with three deaths; 12 of measles with three deaths; eight of diphtheria with three deaths; one each of small-pox and chicken-pox; and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, were notified to the Health Authorities last week.

Yesterday, 27 cases of tuberculosis five of dysentery, four of cholera; and one each of diphtheria and enteric fever, were notified.

Authoritative British sources in Chungking confirm the report that a Sino-British £5,000,000 export credit agreement will shortly be concluded. The British Government are awaiting Chinese official confirmation of the draft agreement which was handed a fortnight ago to the Chinese Vice-Minister of Finance who is now in London. Under the agreement, China will be permitted to make purchases from any country within the sterling area. — Reuter.



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